Cantarella

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Our Story So Far and Introduction of Characters

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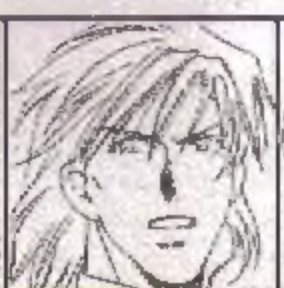
Chiaro and Lucrezia have completely abandoned Cesare, who falls ever farther into the dark forces surrounding him. After fleeing Rome, Chiaro and Lucrezia are captured. Though Cesare discovers that Lucrezia is carrying Chiaro's child, he marries her to Alfonso and subjects Chiaro to unspeakable torture. With life-threatening wounds, Chiaro is saved by Alfonso, but his arm is so badly injured that it must be severed...

Cesare Borgia

The hero of our story. His soul was sold to the devil, and though he lives a harsh fate, he is a driven man with an unstoppable will to follow his dream of unifying Italy.

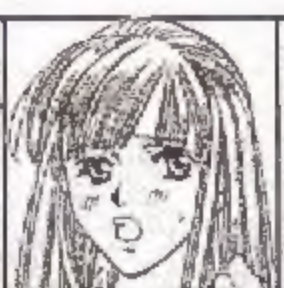
Alfonso d'Aragon

The younger brother of Sancia, who was wed to the youngest son of the Borgia family. He has been chosen to be Lucrezia's next husband.



Della Volpe

Cesare's loyal retainer who looks up to Cesare for his tyrannical nature. He is antagonistic toward Chiaro...



Lucrezia Borgia

In love with Chiaro, and carrying his child, she has been torn from him, put under house arrest, and is soon to become a pawn in a political marriage.

Pope Alexander VI

An ambitious man who sold his own son Cesare's soul to the devil in exchange for the Papal throne.

Michelotto (Chiaro)

A legendary assassin who wears the mask of "Michelotto". His association with Lucrezia has estranged him from Chiaro.

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BUT IT MEANS...
...I WON'T BE FORCED TO MARRY ANYONE.
I'VE LOST ANY VALUE AS A POLITICAL PAWN.
I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE IT.
THINKING THAT YOU'LL BE A MOTHER SOON.
I WONDER IF THAT'S SO...

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LUCRETIA.
BRO... THER..
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU HAVE PLENTY OF VALUE, STILL.
SANCIA ...?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN THERE...?
UNTIL YOUR DIVORCE FROM GIOVANNI IS COMPLETELY SETTLED...
...IT'S SAFEST FOR YOU TO AVOID BEING SEEN.
IN YOUR UNDER-GARMENTS ...
...THAT BELLY IS QUITE OBVIOUS.

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WHAT A FACE YOU'RE MAKING, CESARE.
IT WOULD MAKE ANYONE TREMBLE.
DO YOU THINK...
...I'M GOING TO SPLIT OPEN YOUR BELLY AND KILL YOUR CHILD?
!
WOULD YOU PLEASE SPARE ME YOUR NOISE, SANCIA?
WE MUSTN'T UPSET LUCREZIA.

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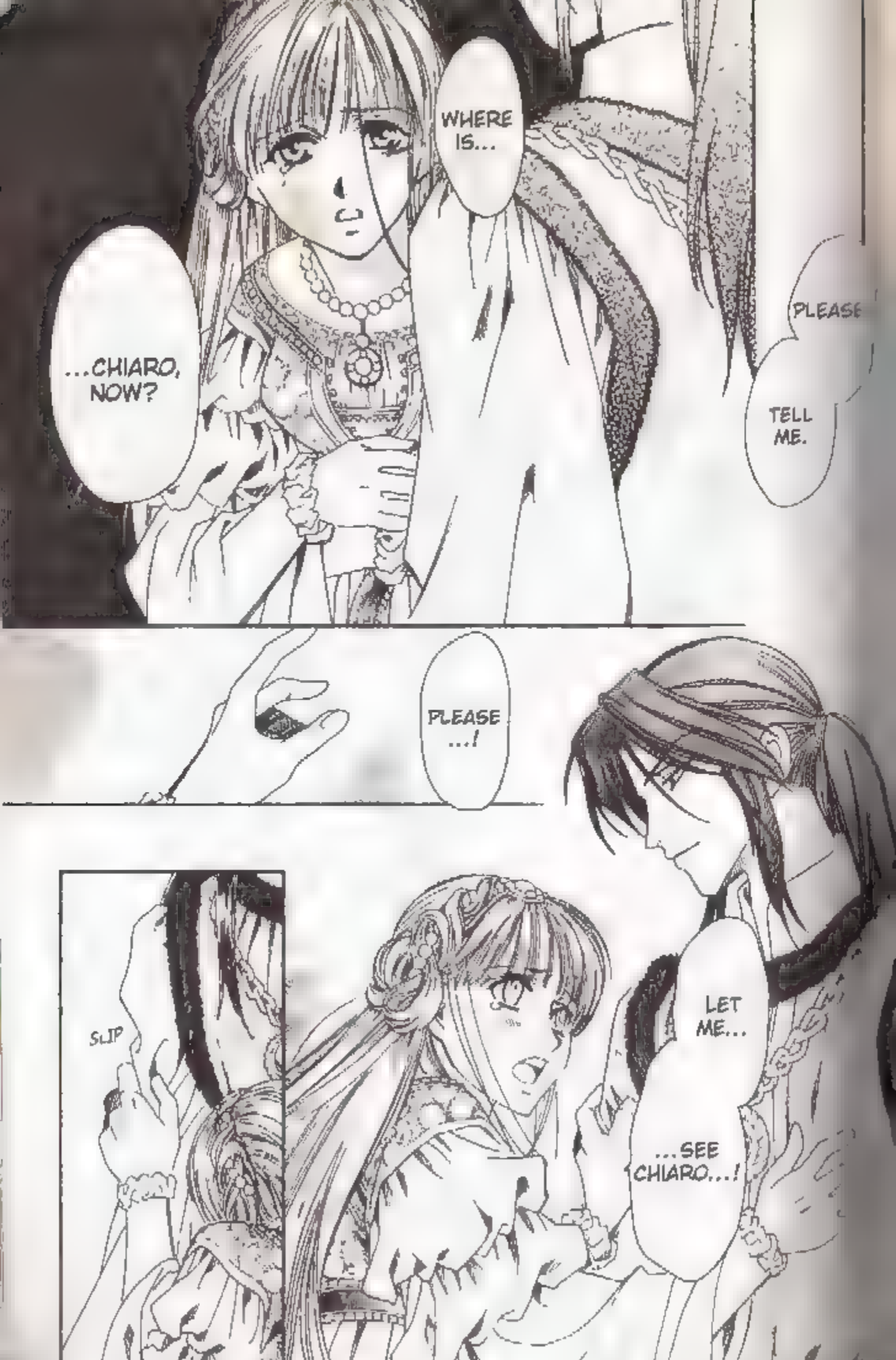

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FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR CHILD...
...IT'S BEST YOU DON'T WORRY, AND JUST GIVE BIRTH TO HIM, SAFELY.
...VERY SOON WE'LL HAVE YOUR WEDDING TO SIGNOR ALFONSO.
NO ONE IS GOING TO HURT YOU.
AND...
BRO-THER ...!?
WAIT...
DIZZY
AH...

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OH, I ALMOST FORGOT.
THE CHILD YOU CARRY...
...I WILL TAKE RESPONSI-BILITY FOR AND REAR.
I SWEAR, YOU'RE SUCH A HANDFUL!
CARE-FUL!
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY YOUR LITTLE HEAD OVER.
LUCREZIA.

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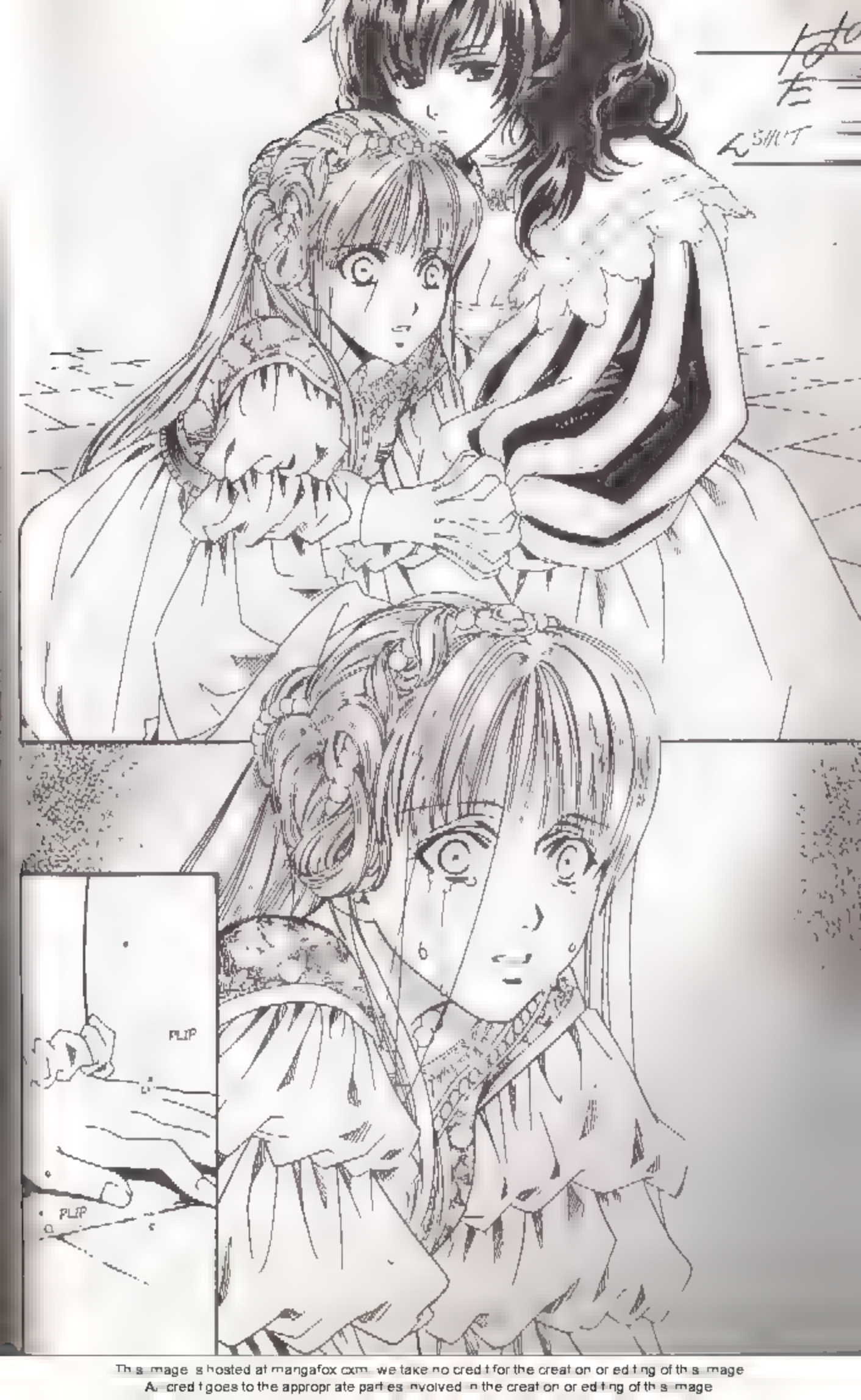

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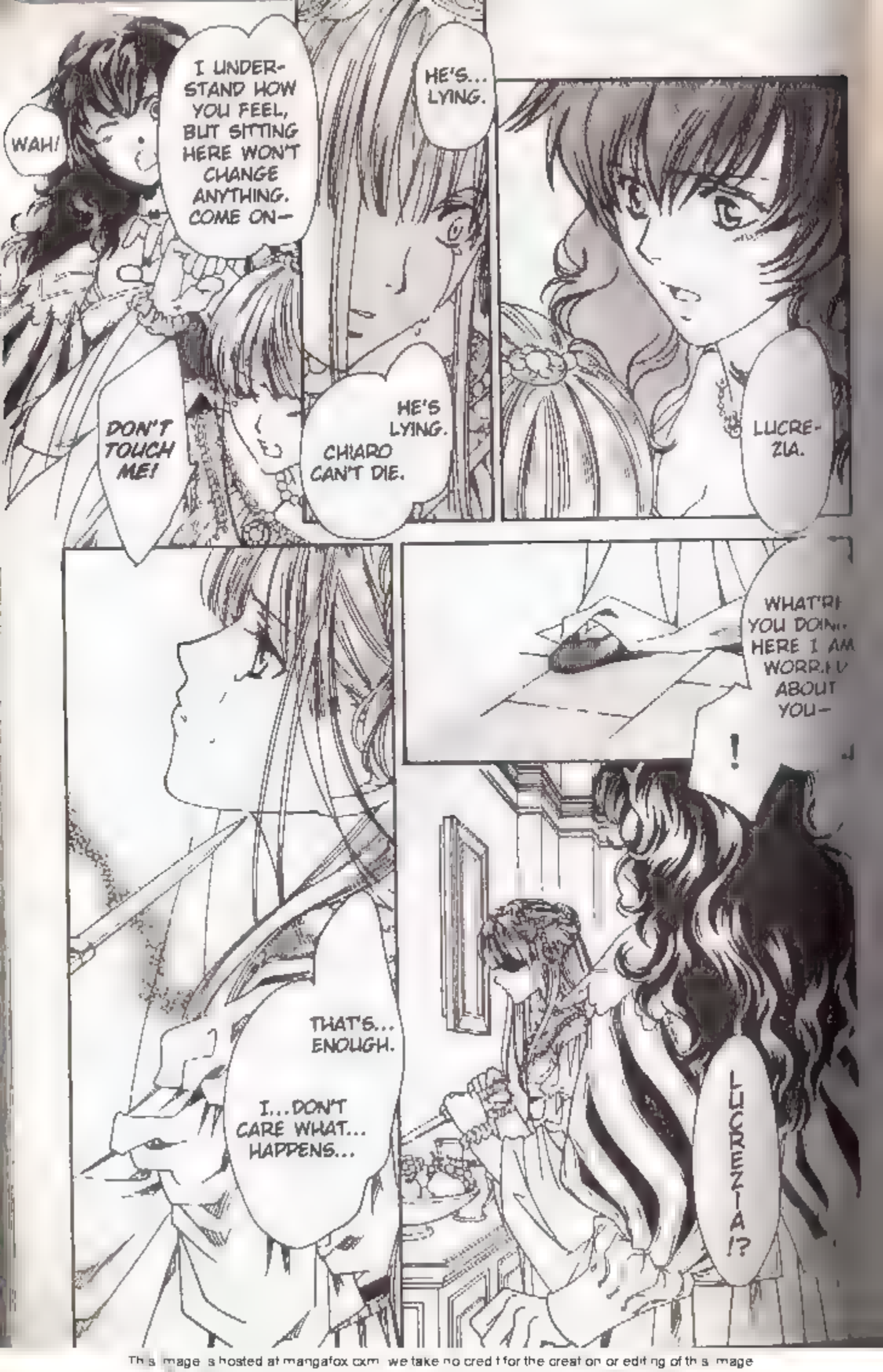

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AH!
ARE YOU INSANE!?
GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF, WOULD YOU!?
AS A WOMAN BORN IN THIS ERA, YOU MUST BOW TO YOUR FATE.
HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF TAKING YOUR LIFE...
...WHEN IT WOULD KILL YOUR TRUE LOVE'S CHILD, TOO!?
SAN... CIA.

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PLEASE.
IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.
HUH?
I KNOW... I'LL NEVER LOVE ALFONSO.
SO EVEN THEN ...?
THE MAN I WILL MARRY WHILE HIDING THIS TRUTH IS... YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.
BUT... DOES THIS REALLY SIT WELL WITH YOU?
I'll hold onto this...
AND STOP THINKING FOOLISH THINGS.
WHEN YOU WANT TO CRY, YOU SHOULD CRY.
CRY YOUR EYES OUT.

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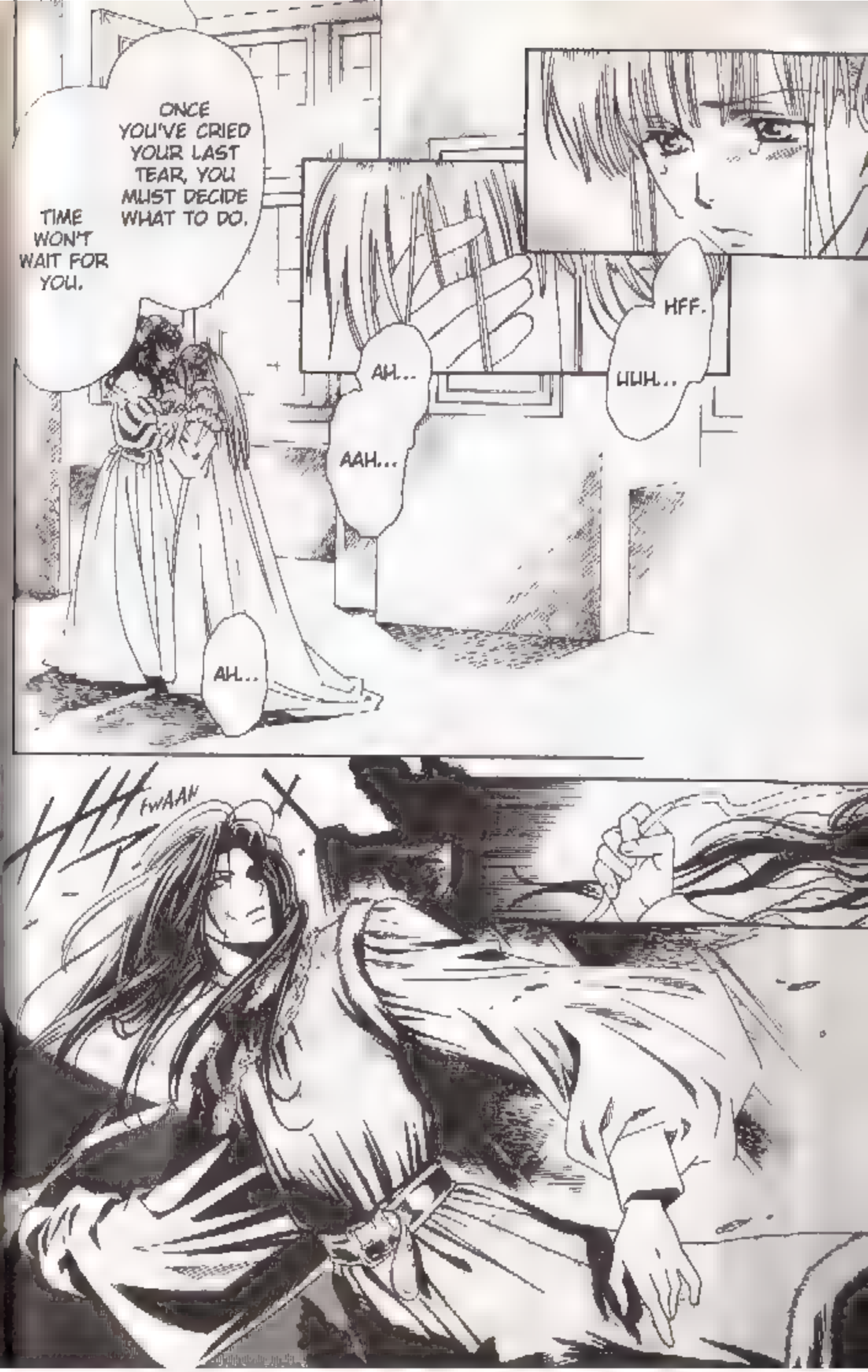

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HOOT
FLAP
CRACKLE
SNAP
BUT WHEN'S THE LAST TIME WE ENJOYED A LITTLE CAMPOUT?
WE CAN ALWAYS DO THAT.
I THOUGHT WE'D HAVE FOUND AN INN BY NOW.
THE SUN'S ALREADY SET
HERE.
I COOKED IT TO A GOOD COLOR, ENRIQUE.

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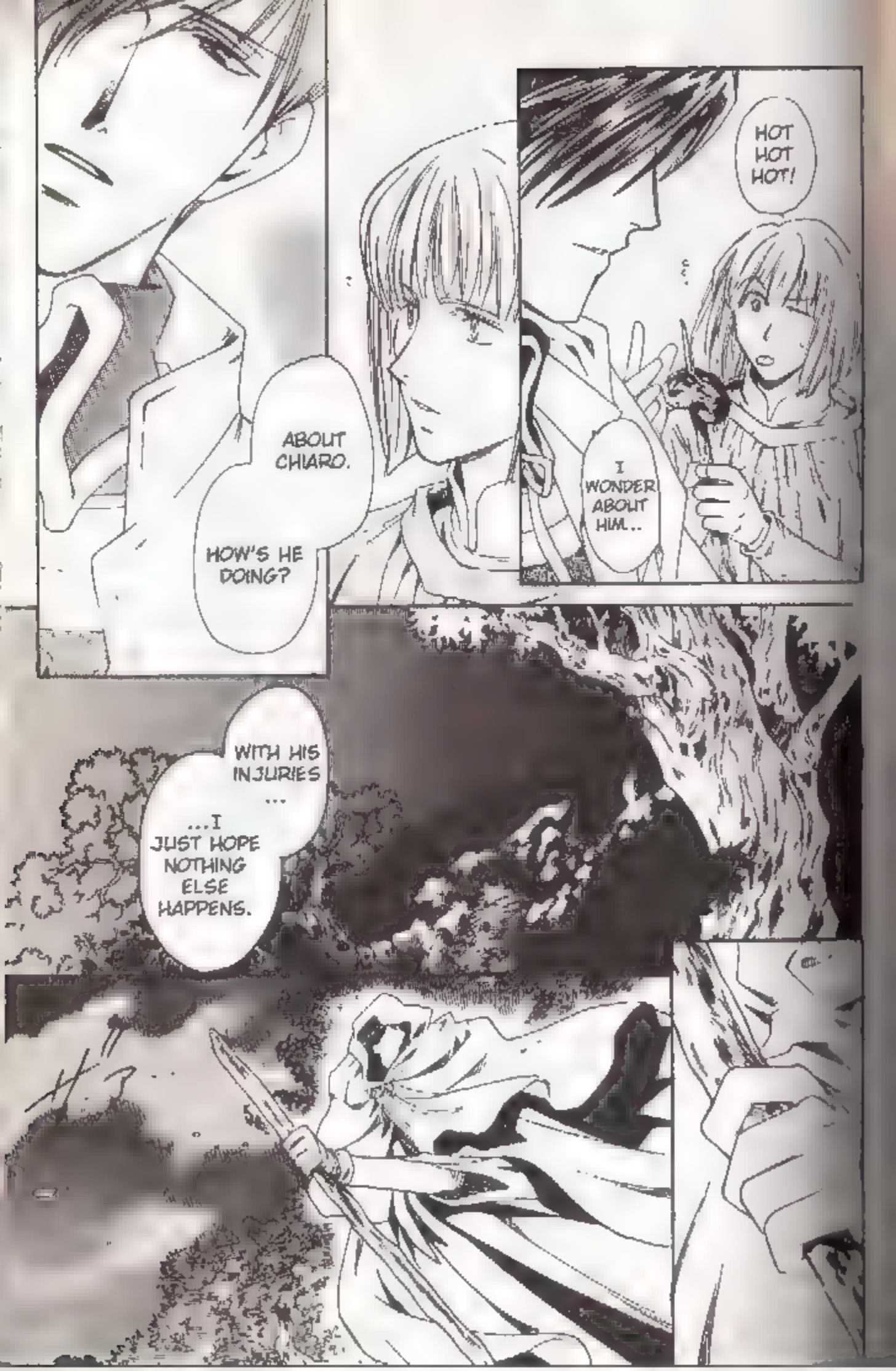

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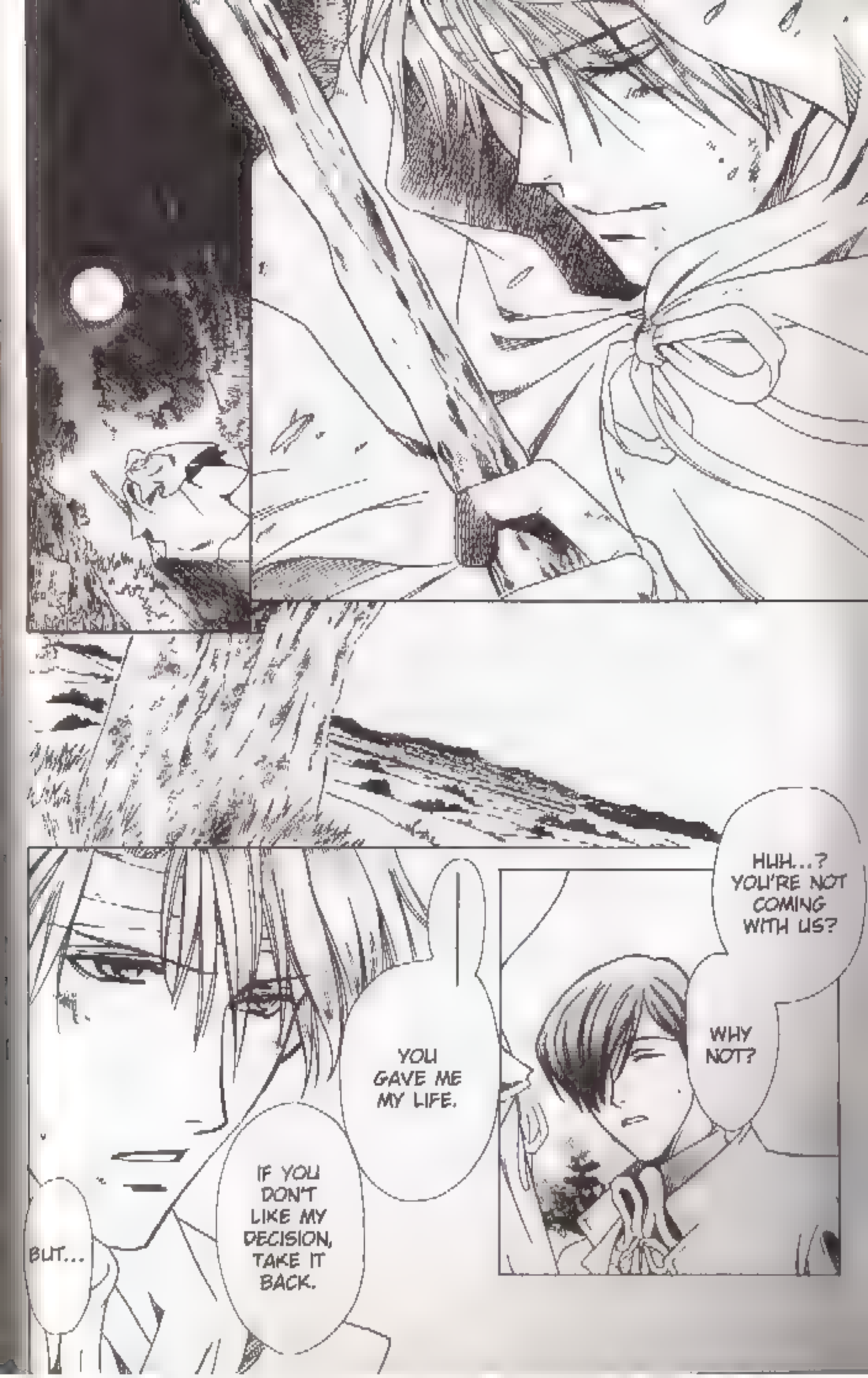

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YOU TWO ARE THE MOST STUBBORN PEOPLE I'VE EVER MET.
THERE'S NO WAY OUT OF MY MARRYING LUCREZIA.
BUT WHY SHOULD THAT GET IN YOUR WAY?
IT'S A PURELY POLITICAL MARRI-AGE.
He found you out
MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING...
IS IT BECAUSE I'M MARRYING LUCREZIA?
I DON'T LOVE HER- I MEAN, MY HEART BELONGS TO SOMEONE ELSE.
AND IT ALWAYS WILL.
SO, I DON'T BLAME YOU FOR ANYTHING.
STAY WITH ME, AND I PROMISE YOU'LL GET TO SEE LUCREZIA.

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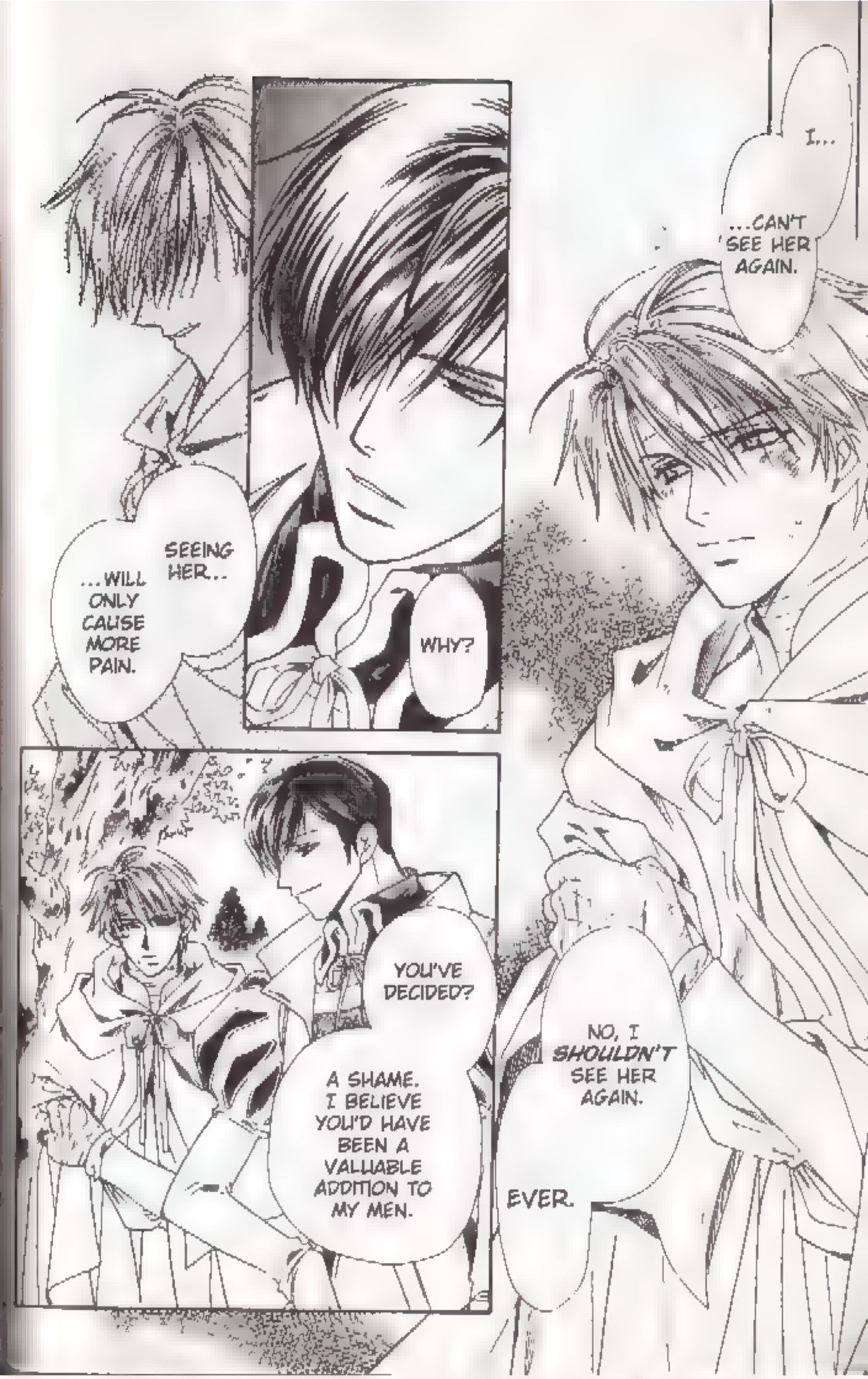

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SORRY, BUT NOT WITH THIS BODY
IT'S FAR BELOW YOUR STANDARDS, NOW.
YOU'RE NOT SERIOUS.
THEN...AS YOU SAID BEFORE...
!
PRINCE!?
...I CAN TAKE THIS LIFE BACK, CAN'T I?

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IT'S NOT FUNNY!
KUH KUH KUH!
A HA HA HA HA!
HUH?
I'M SORRY, I WASN'T SERIOUS. IT WAS A TEST.
BECAUSE YOU SAID SOMETHING SO ADMIRABLE.
YOU'RE ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM MY MEN.
I'M FAST WITH THE SHORT SWORD, AND YOU STILL AVOIDED IT.
EVEN WITHOUT ONE ARM, YOU'RE STILL INCREDIBLE
AH, I'M SORRY.
I PUSHED YOU TOO HARD...
FSS. OW!
WHAT?
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE A LONG SWORD UNTIL YOUR STRENGTH RETURNS.
I WANT YOU TO HOLD ONTO THAT SHORT SWORD.

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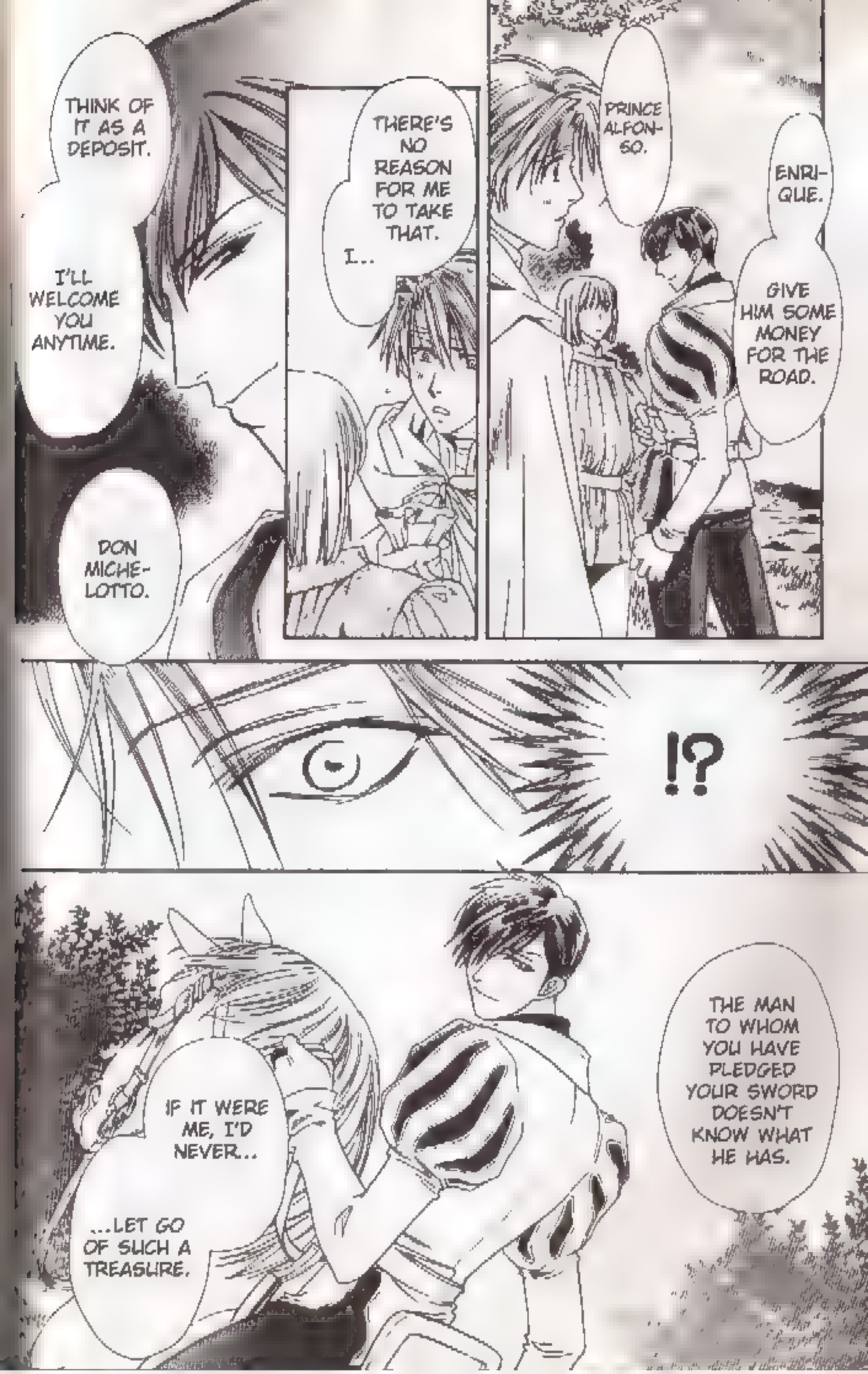
PRINCE ALFONSO.
ENRIQUE.
GIVE HIM SOME MONEY FOR THE ROAD.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR ME TO TAKE THAT.
I...
THINK OF IT AS A DEPOSIT.
I'LL WELCOME YOU ANYTIME.
DON MICHELOTTO.
!?
THE MAN TO WHOM YOU HAVE PLEDGED YOUR SWORD DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE HAS.
IF IT WERE ME, I'D NEVER...
...LET GO OF SUCH A TREASURE.

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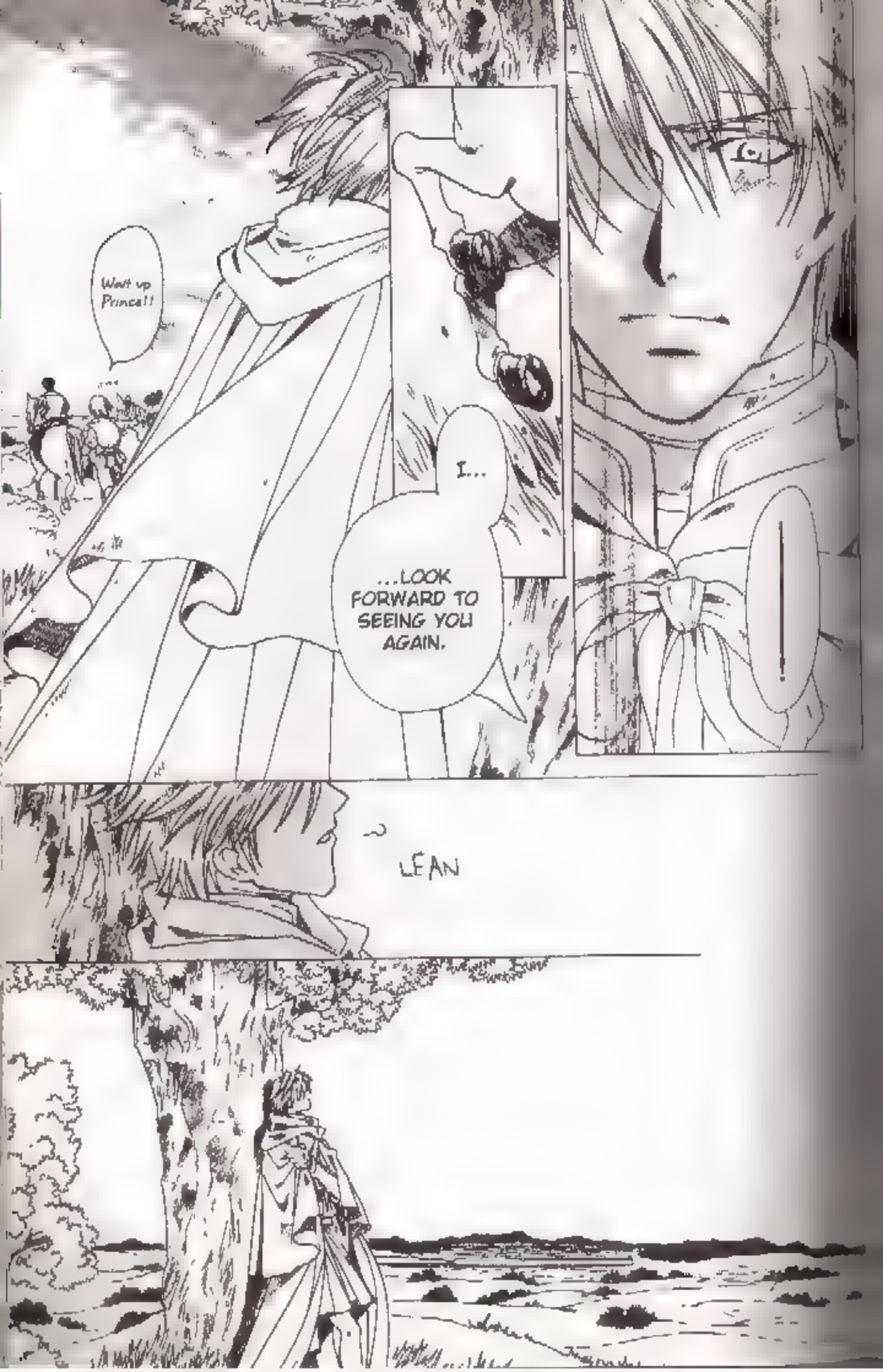

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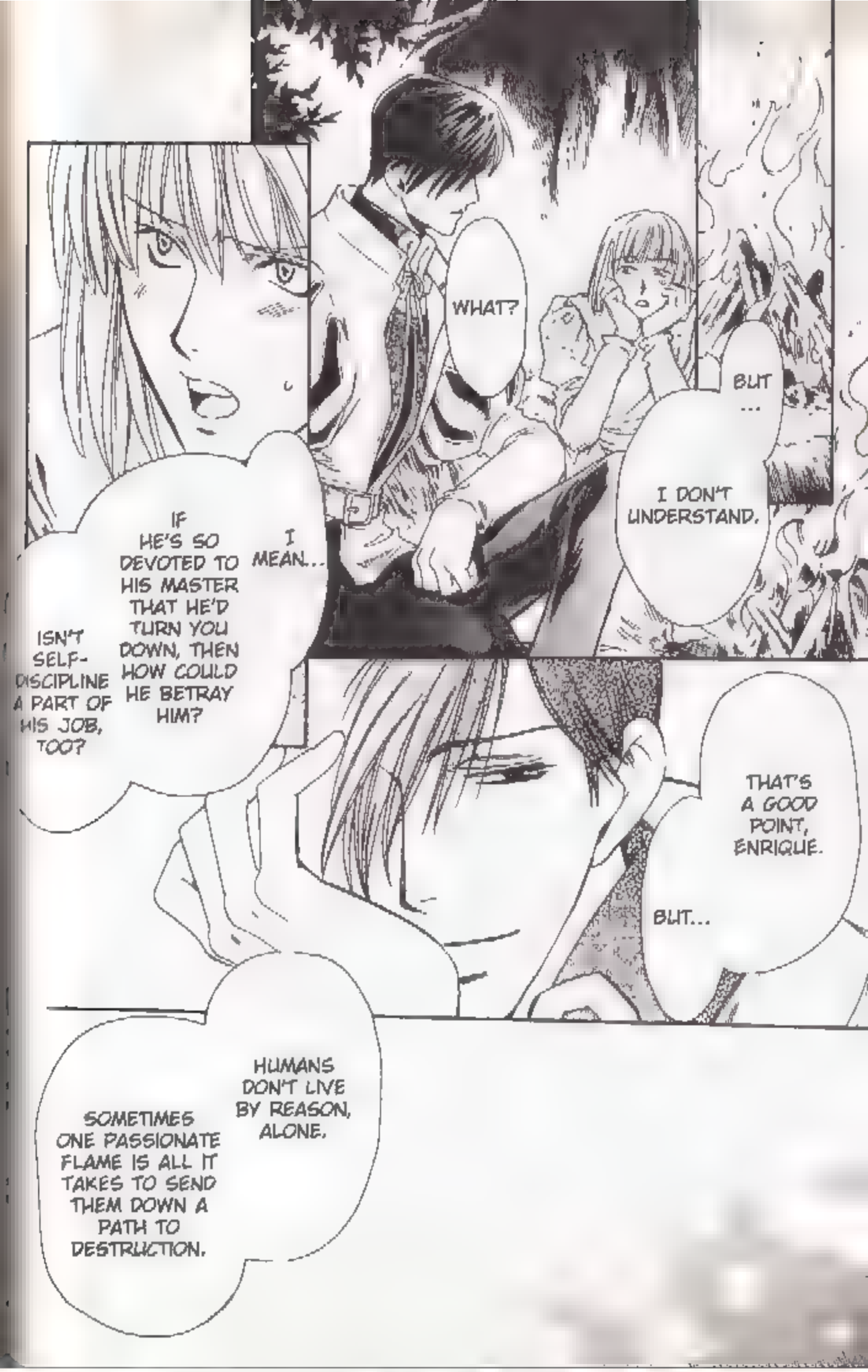
WHAT?
BUT ...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
I MEAN...
IF HE'S SO DEVOTED TO HIS MASTER THAT HE'D TURN YOU DOWN, THEN HOW COULD HE BETRAY HIM?
ISN'T SELF-DISCIPLINE A PART OF HIS JOB, TOO?
THAT'S A GOOD POINT, ENRIQUE.
BUT...
HUMANS DON'T LIVE BY REASON, ALONE.
SOMETIMES ONE PASSIONATE FLAME IS ALL IT TAKES TO SEND THEM DOWN A PATH TO DESTRUCTION.

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COME, NOW.
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
YOU'RE...
...HURT...
I... DON'T KNOW.
I JUST... NEEDED TIME TO THINK.
TO TRY TO... FIGURE OUT WHY IT'S COME TO THIS...

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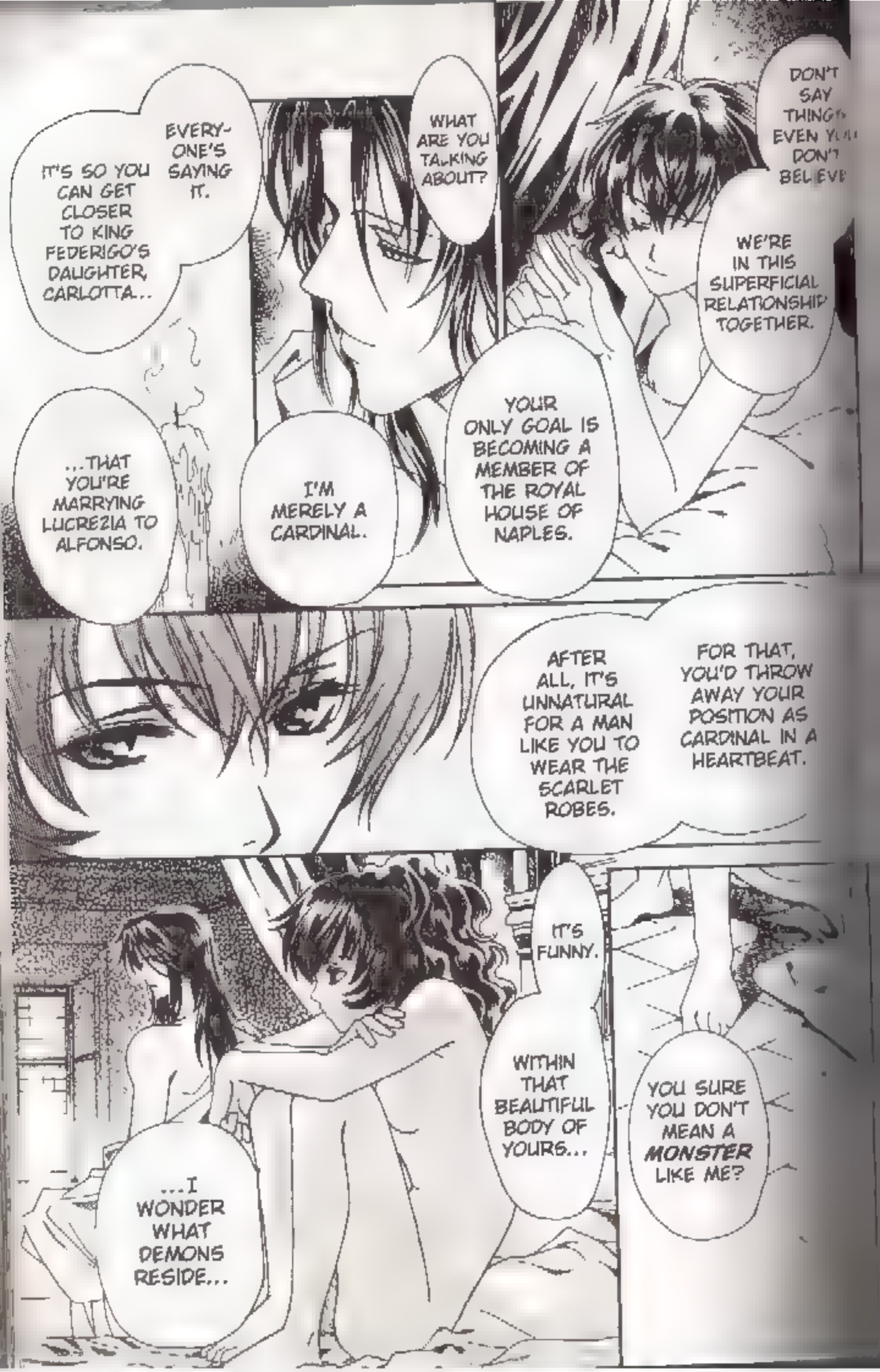
DON'T SAY THINGS EVEN YOU DON'T BELIEVE
WE'RE IN THIS SUPERFICIAL RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
EVERY-ONE'S SAYING IT.
IT'S SO YOU CAN GET CLOSER TO KING FEDERIGO'S DAUGHTER, CARLOTTA...
YOUR ONLY GOAL IS BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL HOUSE OF NAPLES.
I'M MERELY A CARDINAL.
...THAT YOU'RE MARRYING LUCREZIA TO ALFONSO.
FOR THAT, YOU'D THROW AWAY YOUR POSITION AS CARDINAL IN A HEARTBEAT.
AFTER ALL, IT'S UNNATURAL FOR A MAN LIKE YOU TO WEAR THE SCARLET ROBES.
YOU SURE YOU DON'T MEAN A MONSTER LIKE ME?
IT'S FUNNY.
WITHIN THAT BEAUTIFUL BODY OF YOURS...
...I WONDER WHAT DEMONS RESIDE...

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IF YOU KNEW ...
...YOU'D GO MAD.
FOR ITALY...
FOR THE WORLD... WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?
JUST...
...TO MAKE THEM AS THEY SHOULD BE.
THANKS TO SOME LOOSE CANNONS IN FLORENCE ...
...THE SAN MARCO MONASTERY WAS ATTACKED AND PRIESTS DOMENICO AND SAVONAROLA WERE IMPRISONED.

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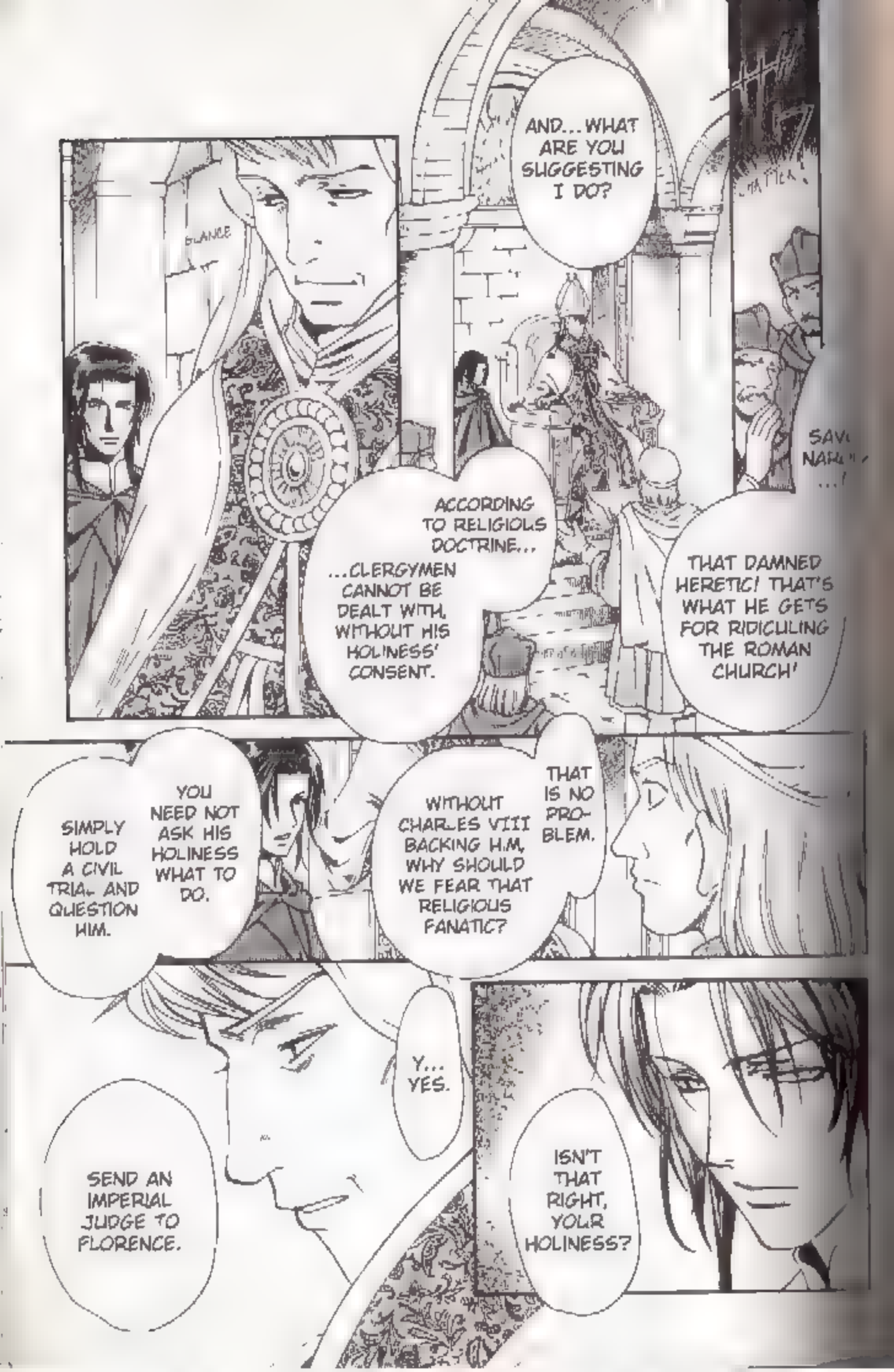
AND... WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING I DO?
ACCORDING TO RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE...
...CLERGYMEN CANNOT BE DEALT WITH, WITHOUT HIS HOLINESS' CONSENT.
THAT DAMNED HERETIC! THAT'S WHAT HE GETS FOR RIDICULING THE ROMAN CHURCH!
THAT IS NO PROBLEM.
WITHOUT CHARLES VIII BACKING HIM, WHY SHOULD WE FEAR THAT RELIGIOUS FANATIC?
YOU NEED NOT ASK HIS HOLINESS WHAT TO DO.
SIMPLY HOLD A CIVIL TRIAL AND QUESTION HIM.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, YOUR HOLINESS?
Y... YES.
SEND AN IMPERIAL JUDGE TO FLORENCE.

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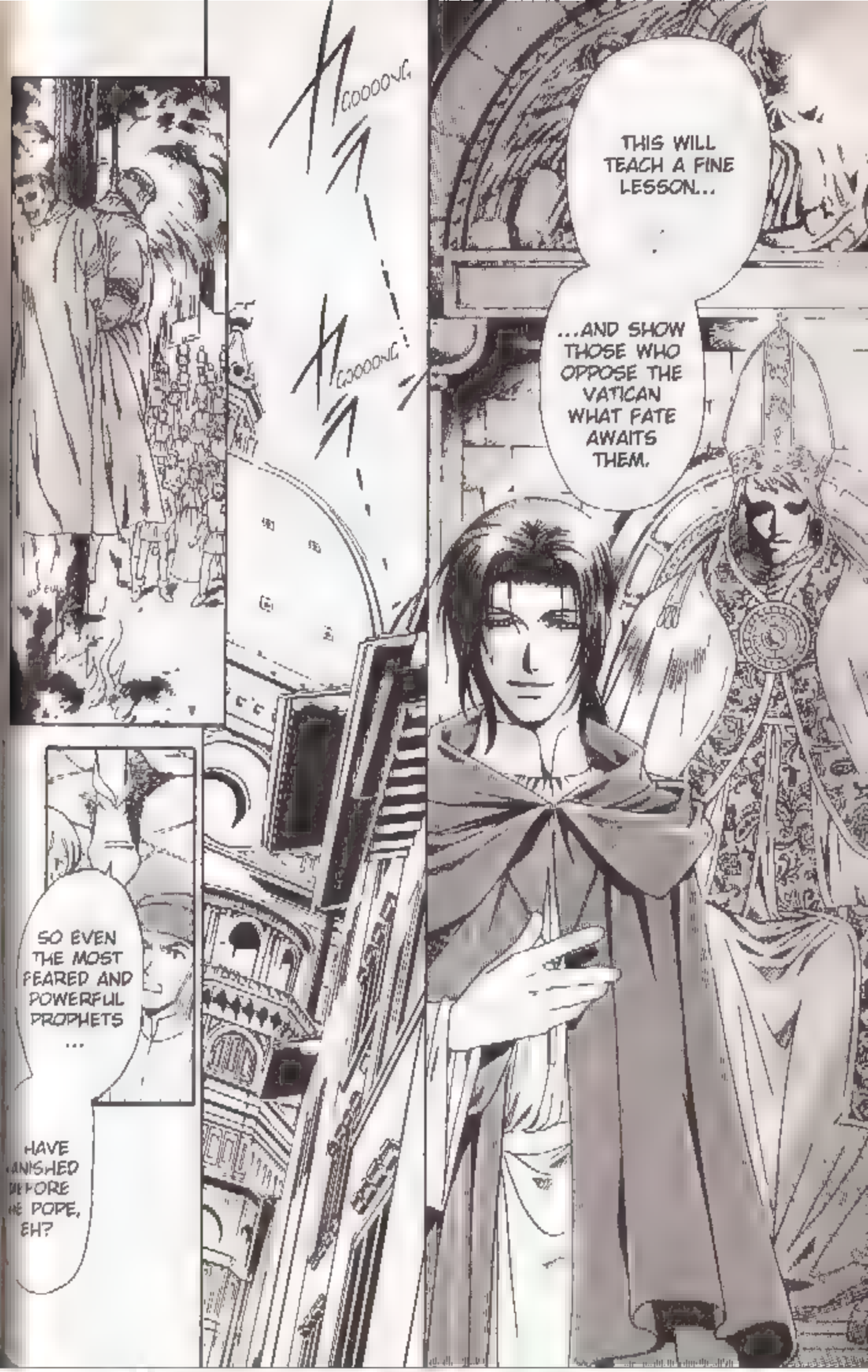
GOOOOM.
GOOOOM.
THIS WILL TEACH A FINE LESSON...
...AND SHOW THOSE WHO OPPOSE THE VATICAN WHAT FATE AWAITS THEM.
SO EVEN THE MOST FEARED AND POWERFUL PROPHETS ...
HAVE ANISHED EFORE E POPE, EH?

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HEY, MACHIAVELLI!
HUH?
THIS IS NO PLACE TO BE GAWKING.
YOUR APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT WAS ACCEPTED, RIGHT?
I hate guys who burn books
Though I think that man got what he deserved
SOMETHING HAS BEEN SET IN MOTION
BIAGIO!
W... WAIT, DON'T PUSH ME!
GET UP TO THE GOVERNMENT OFFICE.
IT'S THE FIRST STEP TO BEING A SECRETARY, JUST LIKE YOU WANTED!
CHATTER
YOU MIGHT CATCH IT.
DON'T GET NEAR HIM, JUST IN CASE.
OH, MY!
SOMEONE'S COLLAPSED!
YOU DON'T THINK IT'S THE BLACK PLAGUE, DO YOU?

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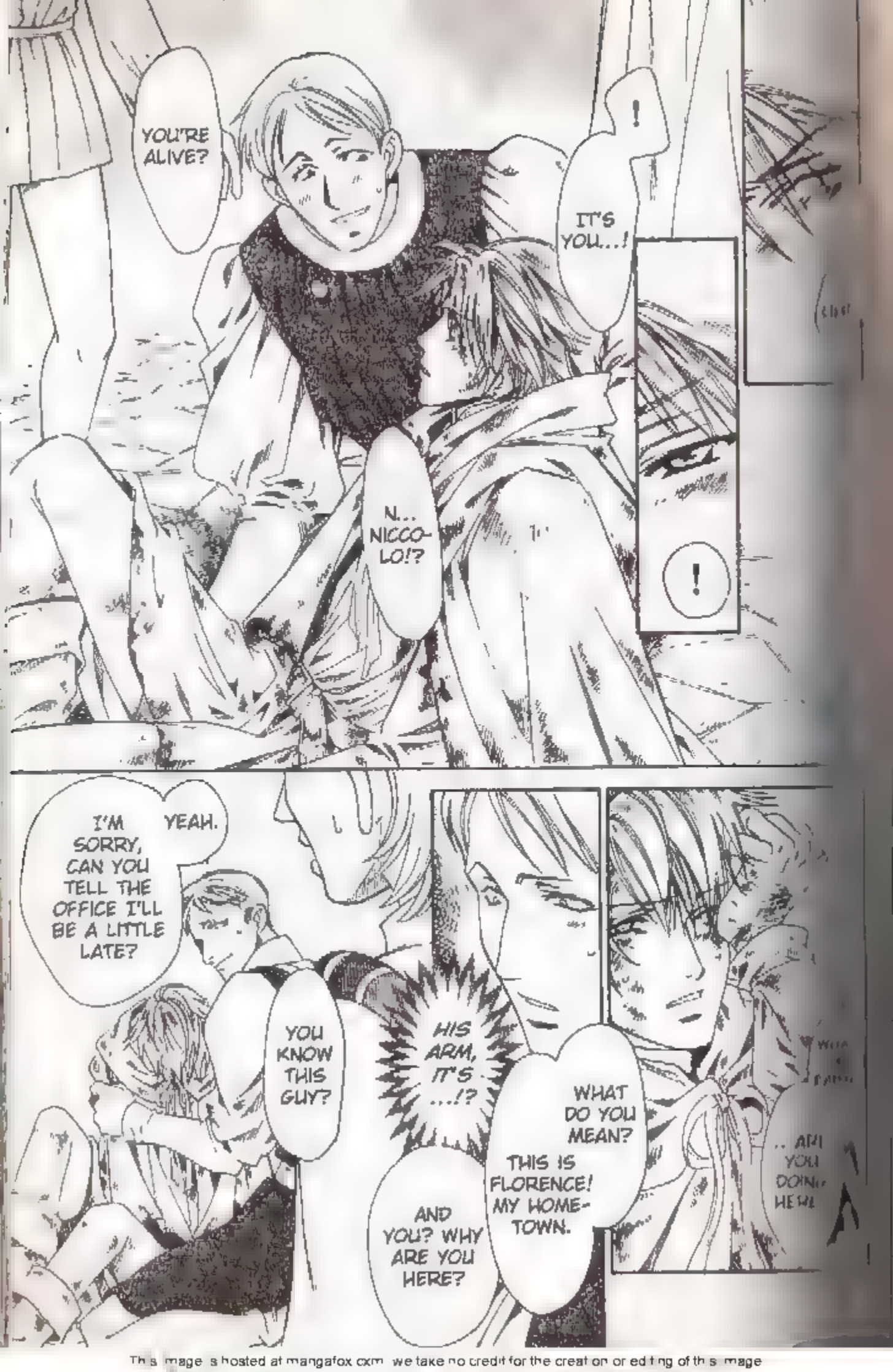

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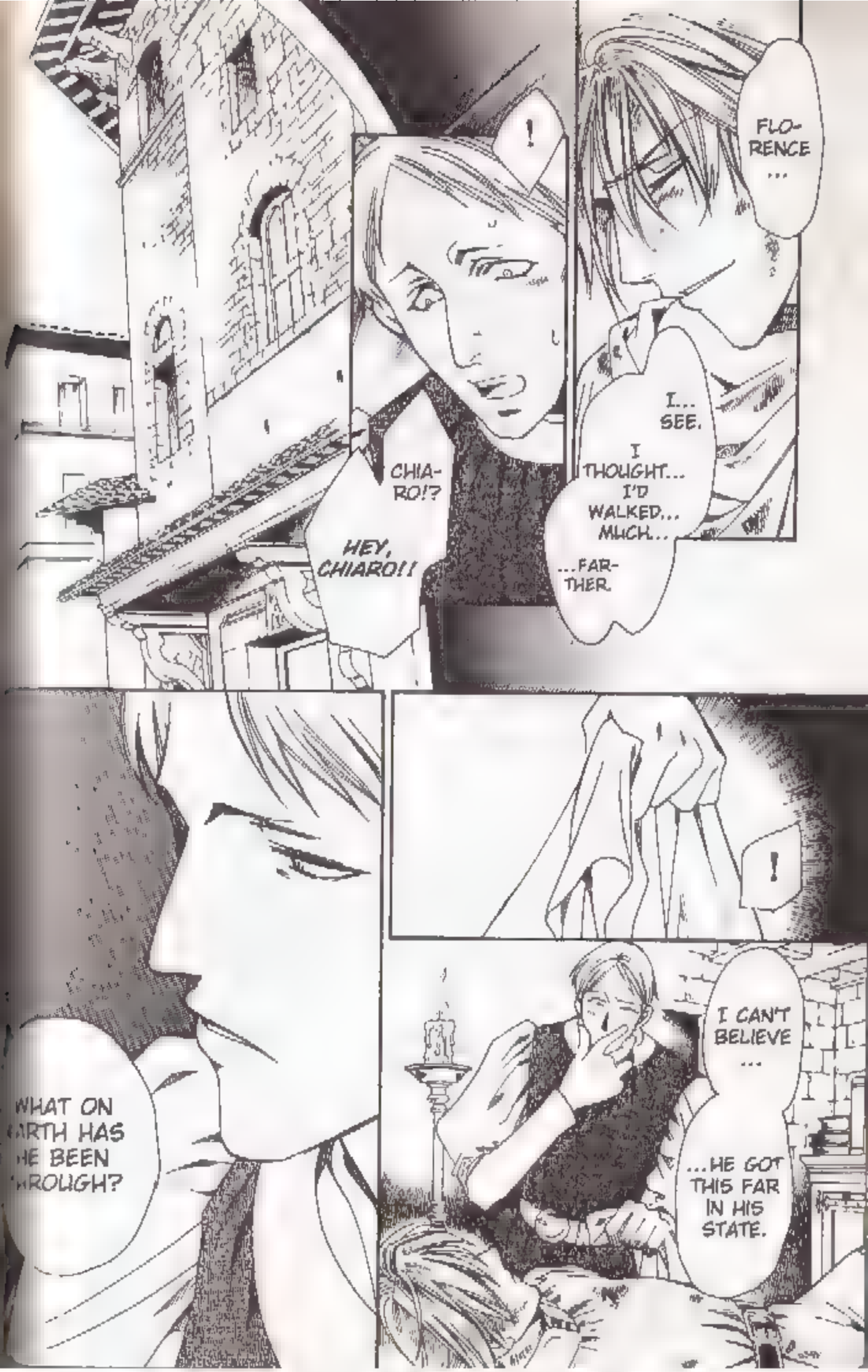

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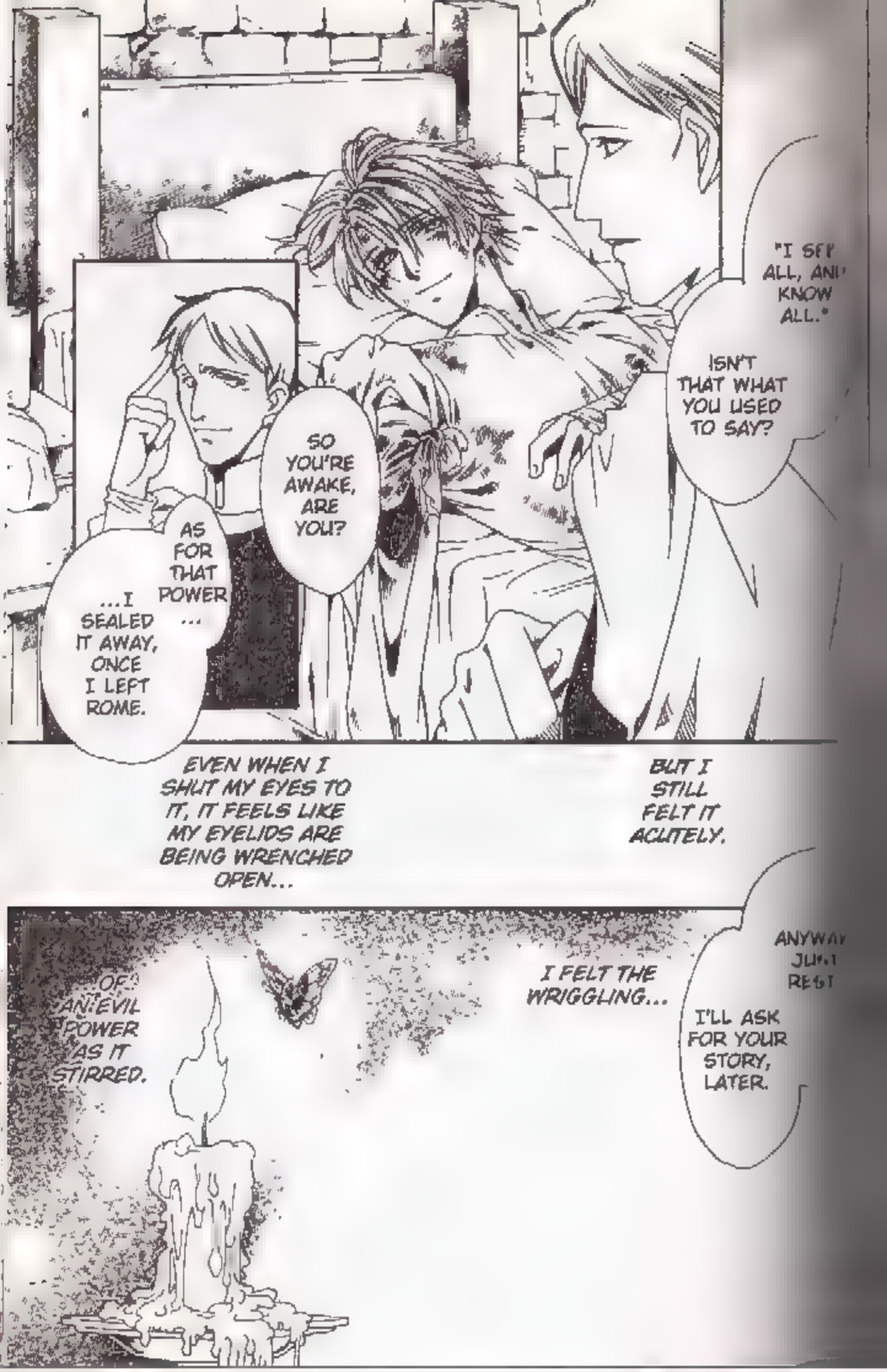
"I SEE ALL, AND KNOW ALL."
ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU USED TO SAY?
SO YOU'RE AWAKE, ARE YOU?
AS FOR THAT POWER ...
...I SEALED IT AWAY, ONCE I LEFT ROME.
EVEN WHEN I SHUT MY EYES TO IT, IT FEELS LIKE MY EYELIDS ARE BEING WRENCHED OPEN...
BUT I STILL FELT IT ACUTELY.
I FELT THE WRIGGLING...
OF AN EVIL POWER AS IT STIRRED.
ANYWAY JUST REST
I'LL ASK FOR YOUR STORY, LATER.

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YES.

BOTH LADY LUCREZIA AND THE BABE MADE IT THROUGH SAFELY.

SO THE CHILD'S BEEN BORN?

SO?

WHICH IS IT?

IT'S SO EASY.

TEN MONTHS AND TEN DAYS...AND A HUMAN LIFE ARRIVES IN THE WORLD.

AH, YES.

I HEARD IT WAS A BOY.

A BOY?

OR A GIRL?

HM.

WHAT A BOTHER.

WHAT SHALL I DO?

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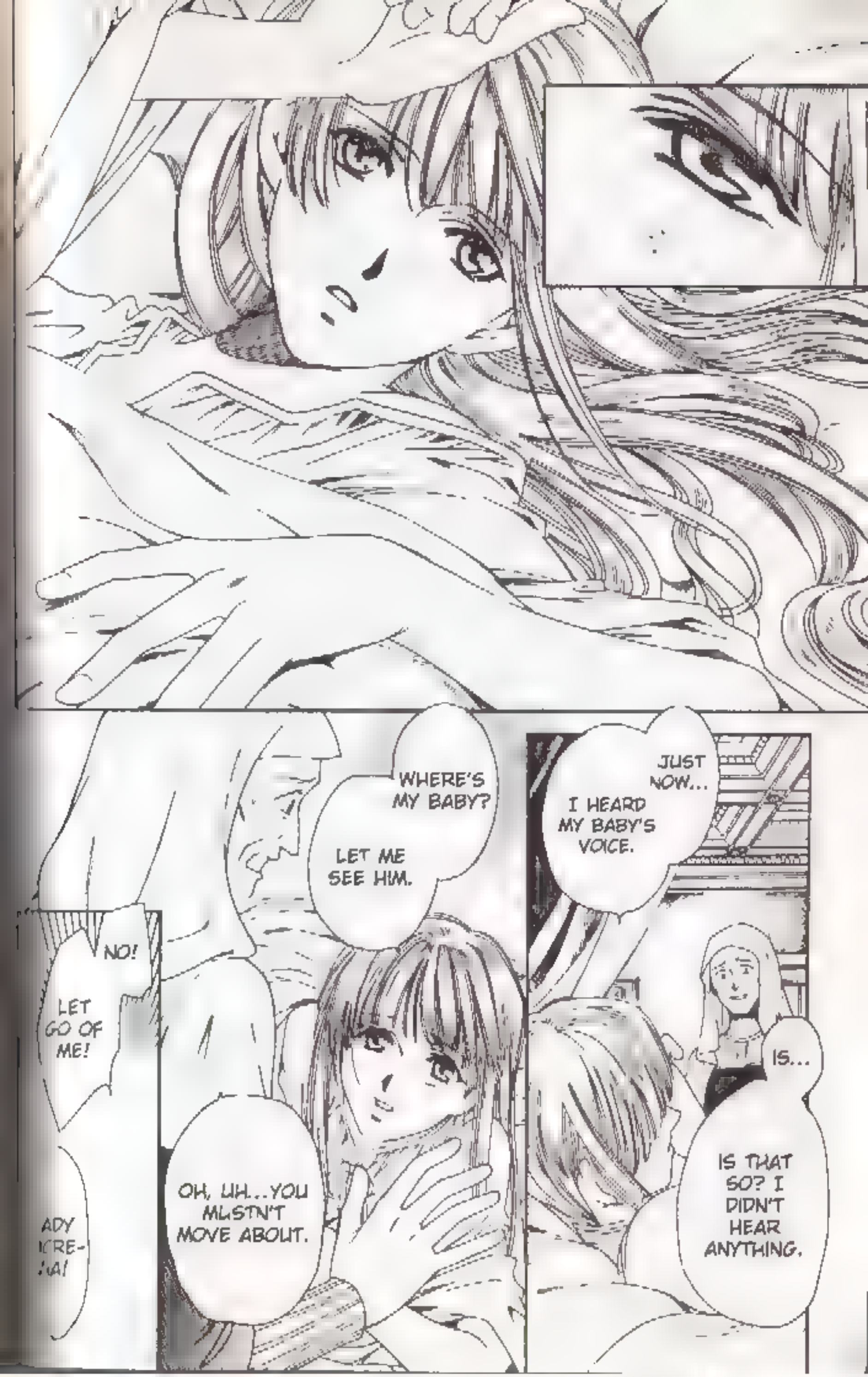

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BAM

I WAS ORDERED TO TAKE HIM AWAY BEFORE YOU GREW ATTACHED.

MY... BROTHER ORDERED IT...DIDN'T HE?

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NOT YET...

MY BROTHER.. HE FORCED YOU TO DO THAT, DIDN'T HE!?

...DID MY ARMS ...

...GET TO HOLD HIM...!

NOT EVEN ONCE...

I DIDN'T...

...GET TO KNOW ANY OF IT.

THE FEEL OF HIS SKIN...

...THE SOFTNESS OF HIS HAIR..

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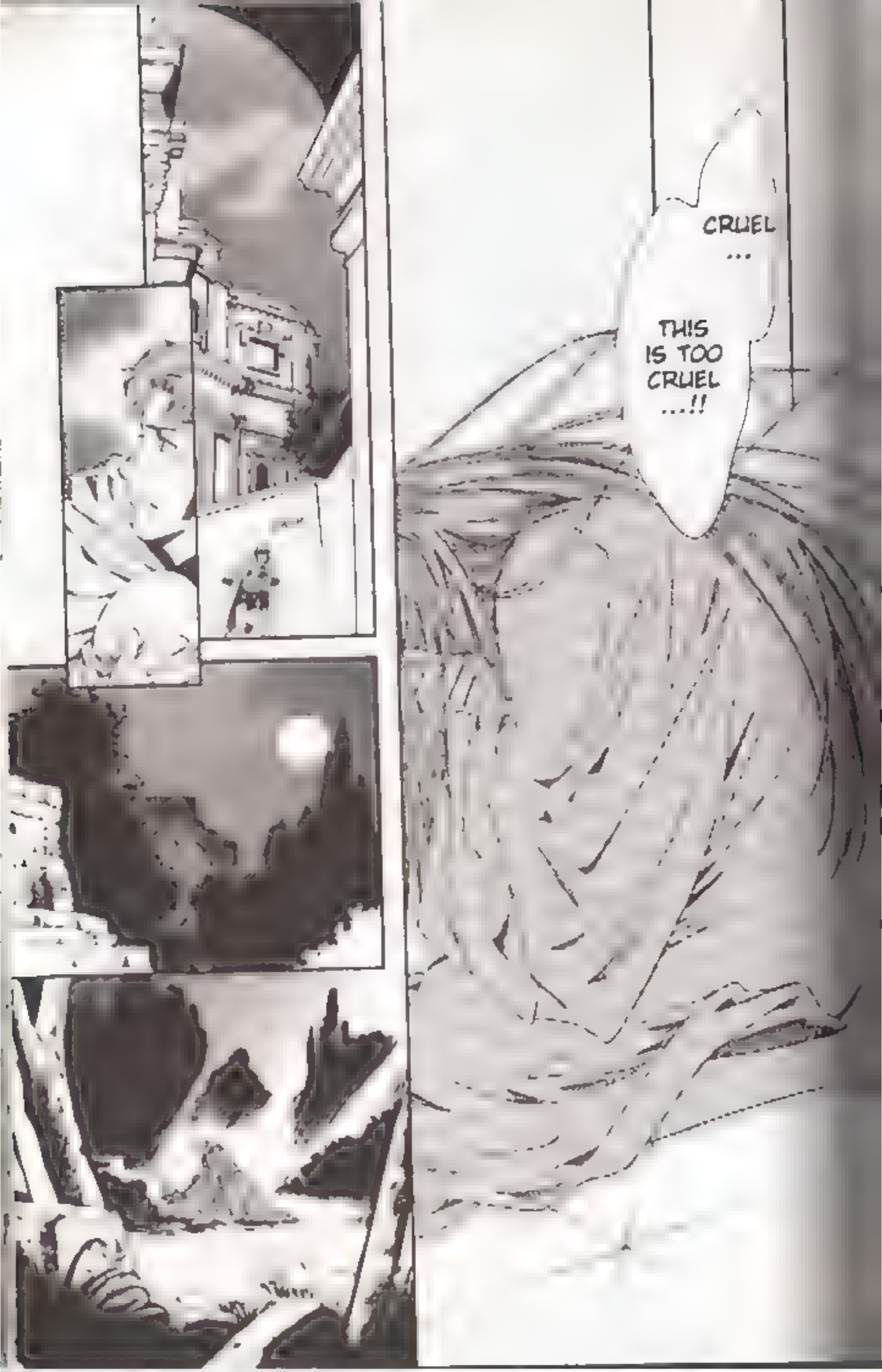

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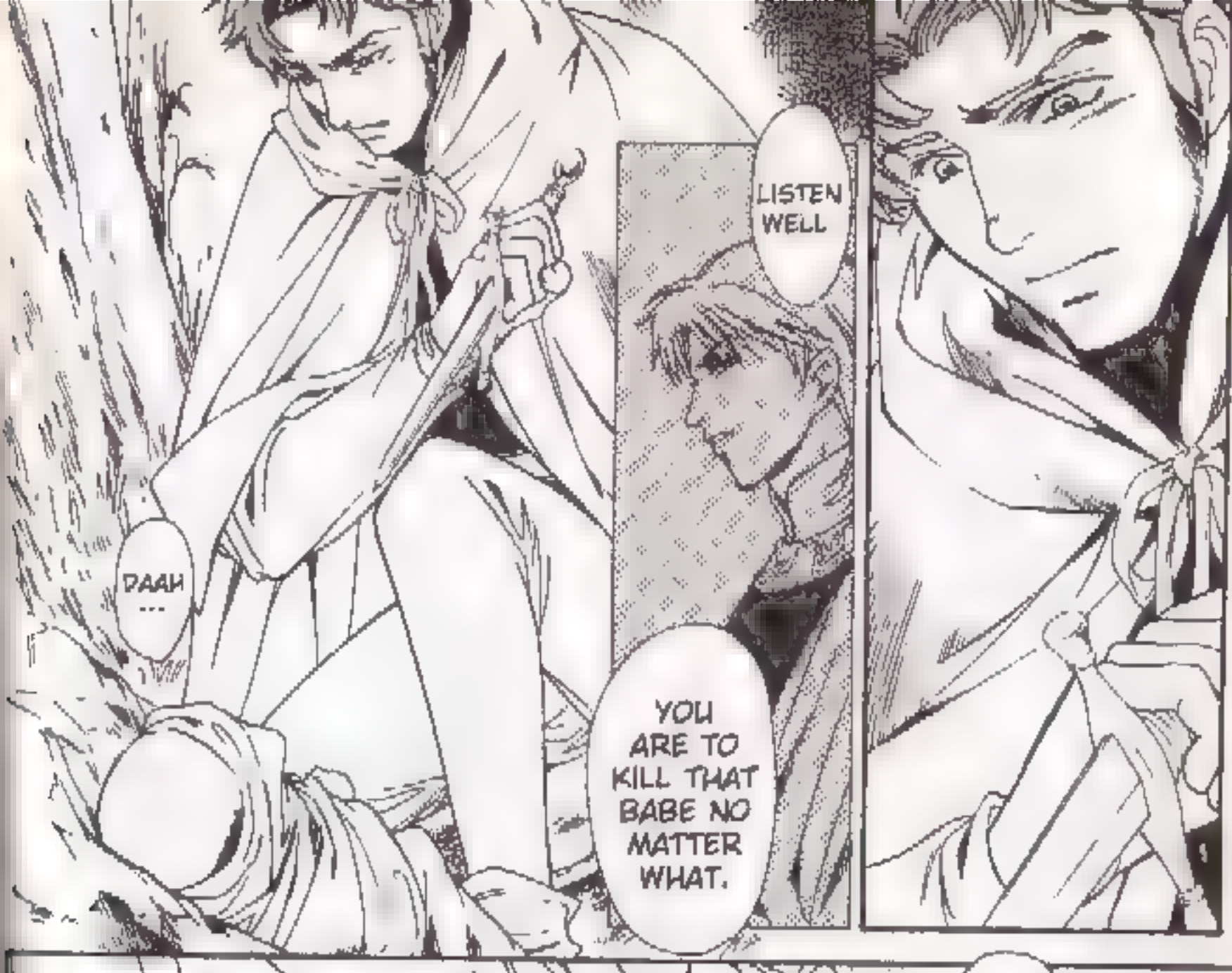

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JUST AS YOU ORDERED ...

...THE BABY HAS BEEN DEALT WITH.

HERE'S THE PROOF.

YES.

I BURIED IT IN THE FOREST AWAY FROM PRYING EYES.

WHERE'S THE BODY?

TH...

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WELL DONE

BER-NARD.

YES...

WELL, I'LL TAKE MY LEAVE, THEN...

WAIT.

OR...

...IS THERE SOME REASON YOU CAN'T SHOW THEM TO ME?

YOU MUST CONFIRM THE REMAINS OF THE CHILD

BLOOD-STAINED SWADDLING CLOTHES ARE NOT ENOUGH PROOF

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PLEASE FORGIVE ME!

.....!

I COULD NOT HARM THAT CHILD!

I REALLY ...

...HATE LIARS.

WHY NOT?

YOU'VE SERVED ME SO WELL, BEFORE.

WAIT, VOLPE.

YOU FOOL ...!

!

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I SAW THE LIGHT OF GOD SHINE DOWN ON THAT BOY.

KUH.

CHILL

THAT CHILD ...

...IS ILLEGITI-MATE AND SHOULD BE HATED.

HA... HA HA!

I WONDERED WHAT YOU WOULD SAY.

!?

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IN THAT CASE ...

...I'LL LEAVE HIM TO YOU..FOR NOW.

Y... YES, WELL ...

MY WIFE'S CARING FOR HIM AT OUR HOME.

JUST LAST MONTH WE LOST OUR NEWBORN SON. WE'VE WANTED ONE SO BADLY—

SO...

...WHERE IS HE NOW?

WHAT WAS THAT... CHILL I FELT?

!?

I CHANGED MY MIND.

WE'LL LET THE CHILD LIVE.

DON'T MAKE A MOVE, VOLPE.

MASTER CESARE !

CAN I ASK THAT OF YOU?

Y...

YES! OF COURSE!

BUT .

THAT'S .

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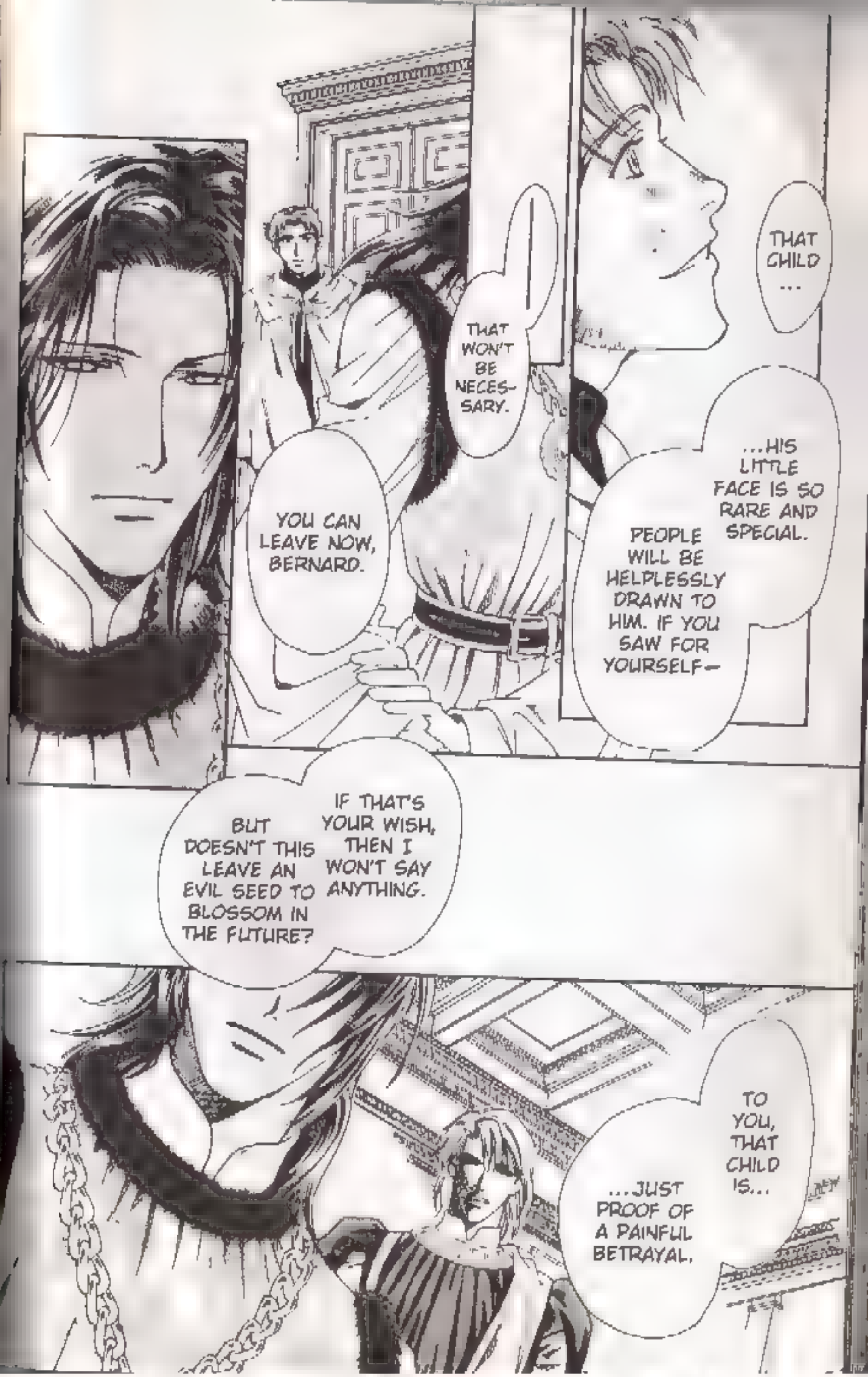
THAT CHILD ...
...HIS LITTLE FACE IS SO RARE AND SPECIAL.
PEOPLE WILL BE HELPLESSLY DRAWN TO HIM. IF YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF—
THAT WON'T BE NECES-SARY.
YOU CAN LEAVE NOW, BERNARD.
IF THAT'S YOUR WISH, THEN I WON'T SAY ANYTHING.
BUT DOESN'T THIS LEAVE AN EVIL SEED TO BLOSSOM IN THE FUTURE?
TO YOU, THAT CHILD IS...
...JUST PROOF OF A PAINFUL BETRAYAL.

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THOUGH IMPERFECT, THE CHILD CARRIES BORGIA BLOOD. HE MAY BE OF USE, SOMEDAY.

THE MORE STRONG PLAYERS WHO ENTER THE UNIFICATION OF ITALY CENTERED AROUND THE POPE, THE BETTER.

INDEED. IN THE EYES OF HISTORY, PEOPLE ARE SIMPLY PAWNS.

YOU ARE...

...TOO SENTI-MENTAL, VOLPE.

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LUCRE-
ZIA.

CLICK

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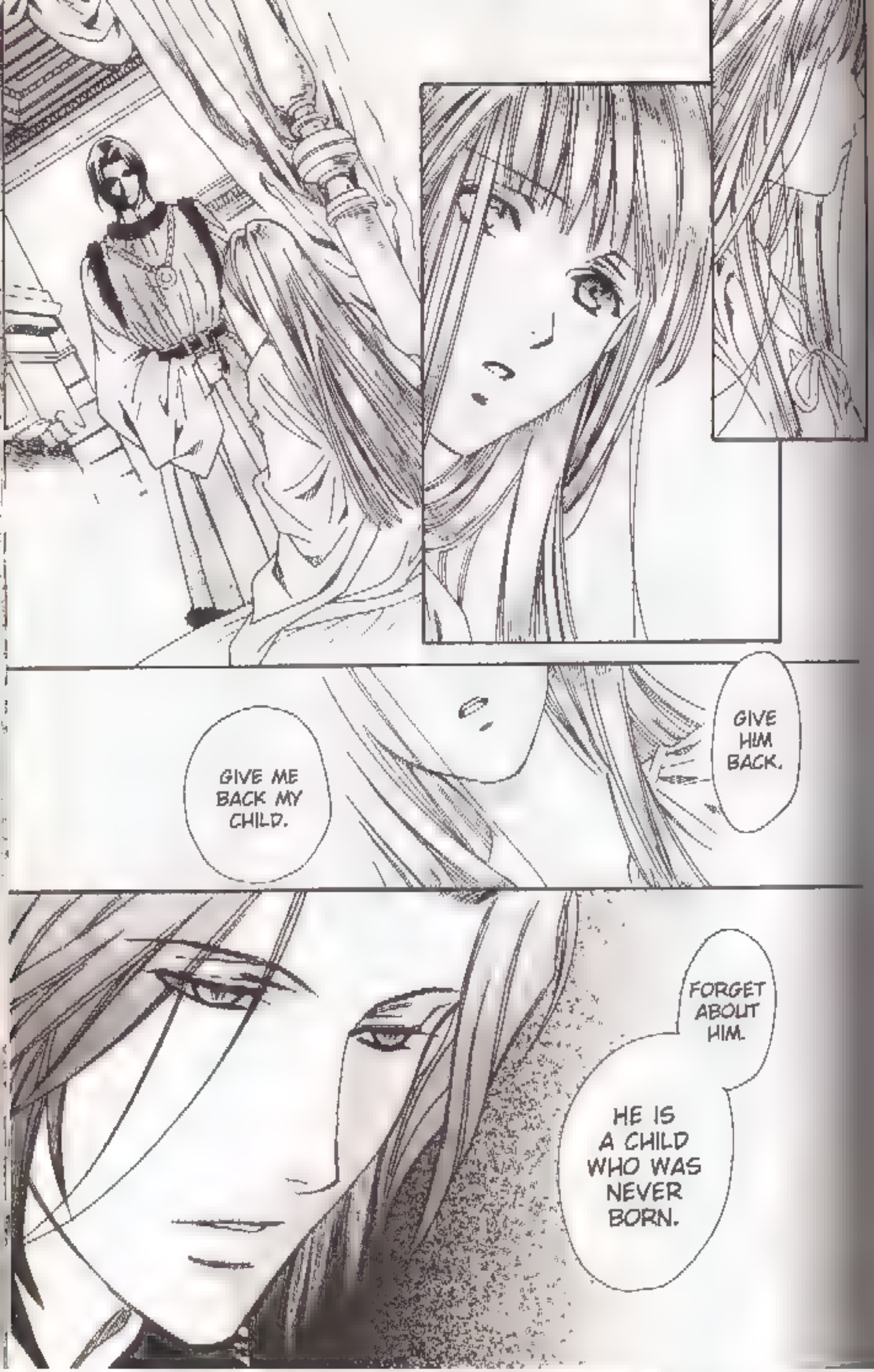

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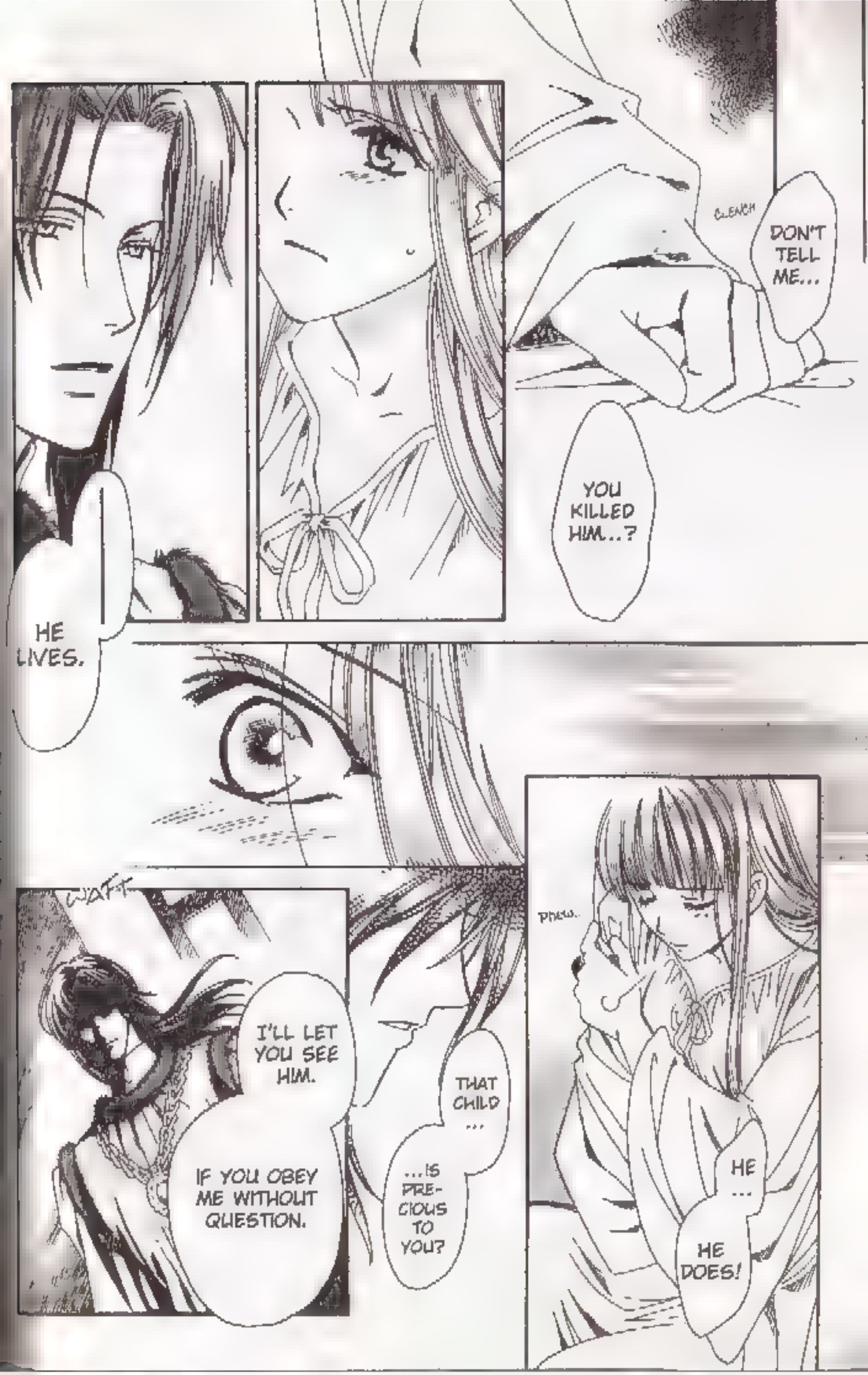

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SO YOU TELL YOURSELF.

A PRE-TENSE.

YOUR HANDS ARE COLD.

LIKE ICE...

MY DEAR LUCREZIA.

IF THERE EVER WAS SUCH A PERSON.

..HE VANISHED LONG AGO.

MY BELOVED BROTHER'S HANDS WERE MUCH WARMER..

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HUH?

WHO INDEED?

WHO ...

...ARE YOU?

I DON'T EVEN KNOW, ANYMORE.

!?

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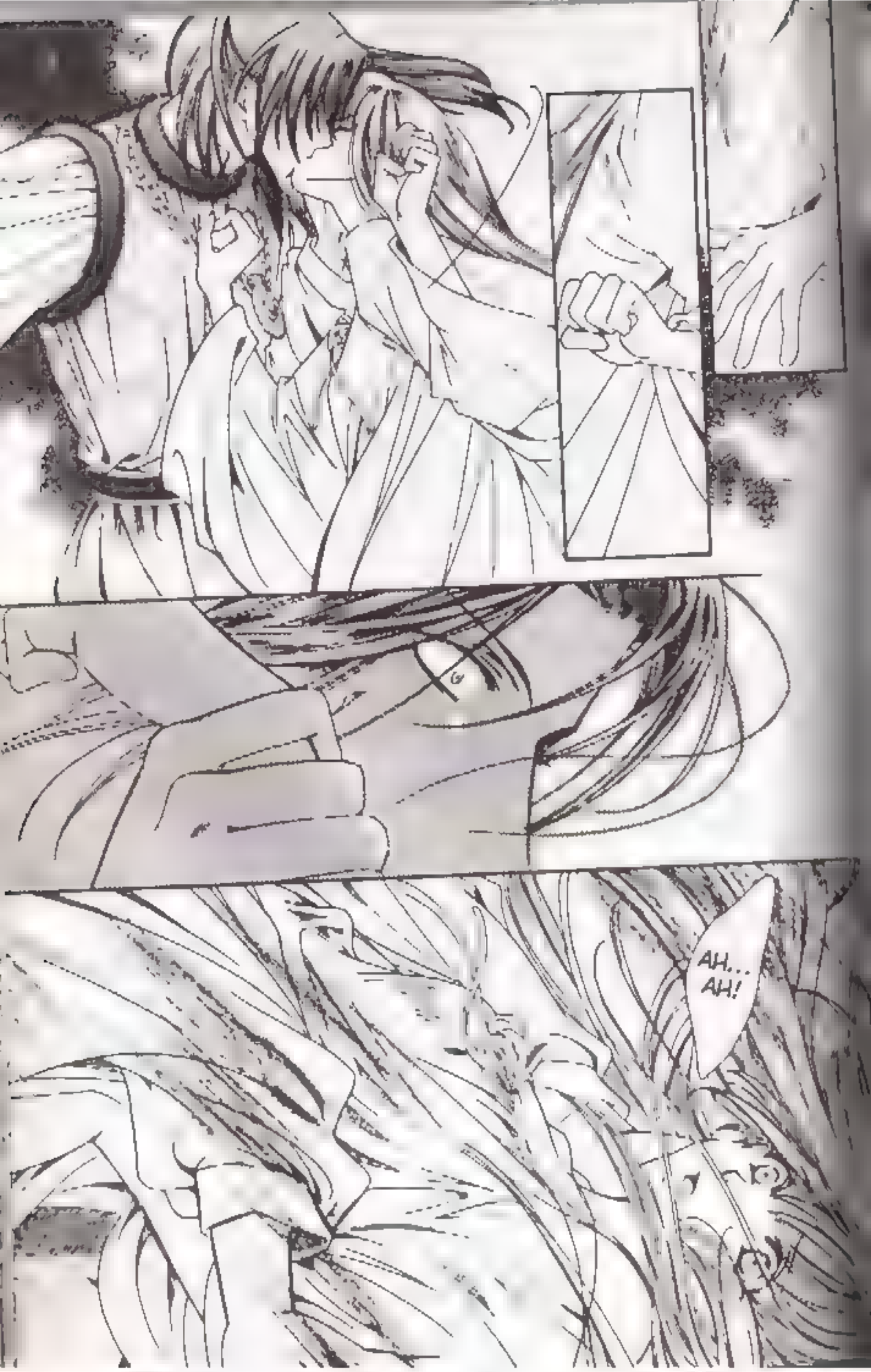

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PRRR!

N...

NO ...!!

B... RO... THER...

HAS THAT CHANGED, NOW THAT YOU LOVE SOMEONE ELSE?

YOU'VE ALWAYS SAID...

...THAT YOU WERE IN LOVE WITH ME.

I SEE.

YOUR "LOVE" WAS ALL A LIE, WAS IT?

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ALL THAT'S HERE IS AN EMPTY SKIN...

IF BEGGING FOR IT...

...IS FRUIT-LESS, THEN...I MIGHT AS WELL...

EVEN I CAN'T... LOVE MYSELF.

AND..

...AN EVIL SOUL.

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I MIGHT AS WELL ...

...DESTROY IT.

EVERY-THING !!

THE WORLD !!

BECAUSE EVEN...

...MY ONE LIGHT HAS LEFT ME.

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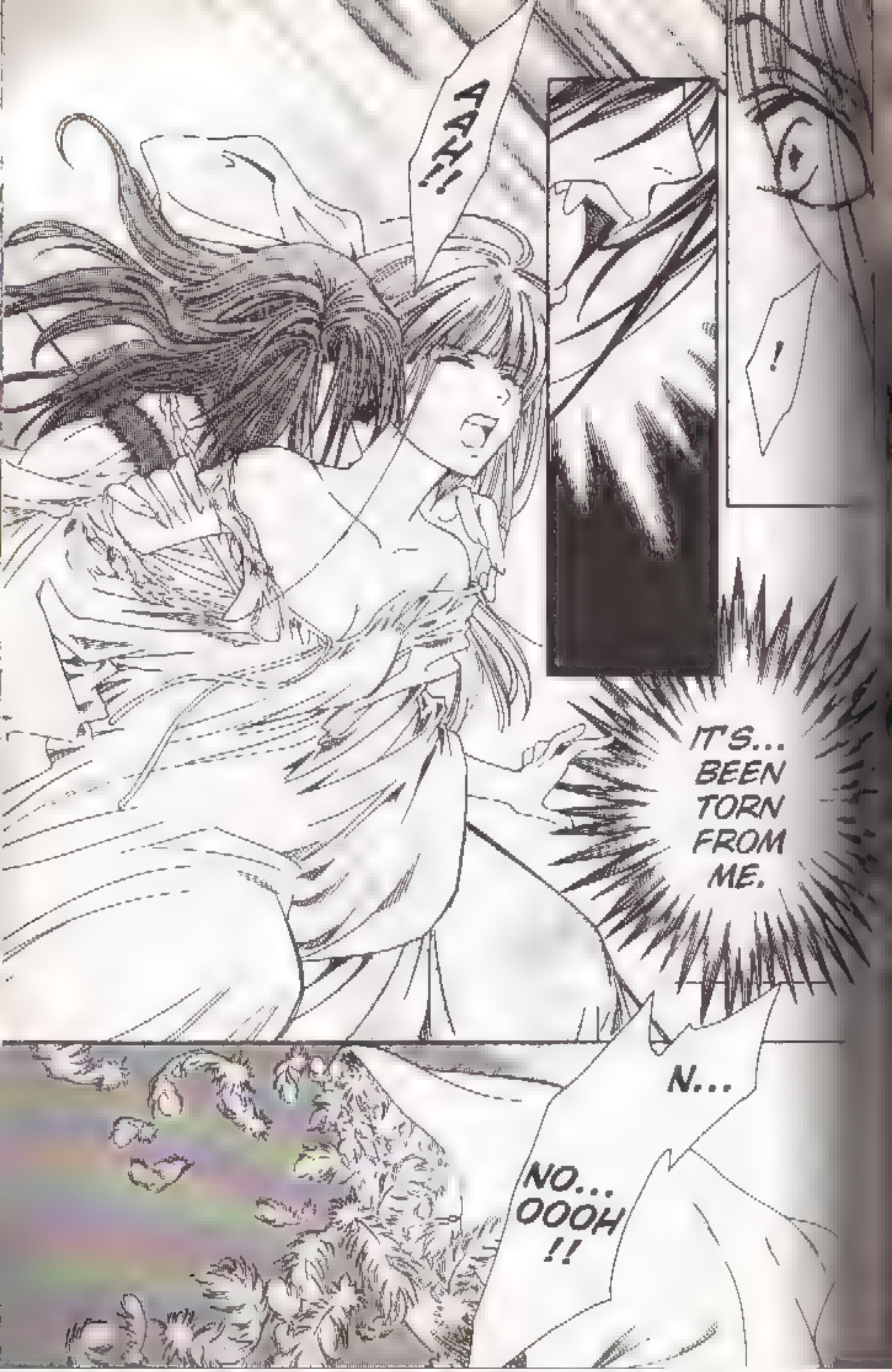

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TEARS ...!?

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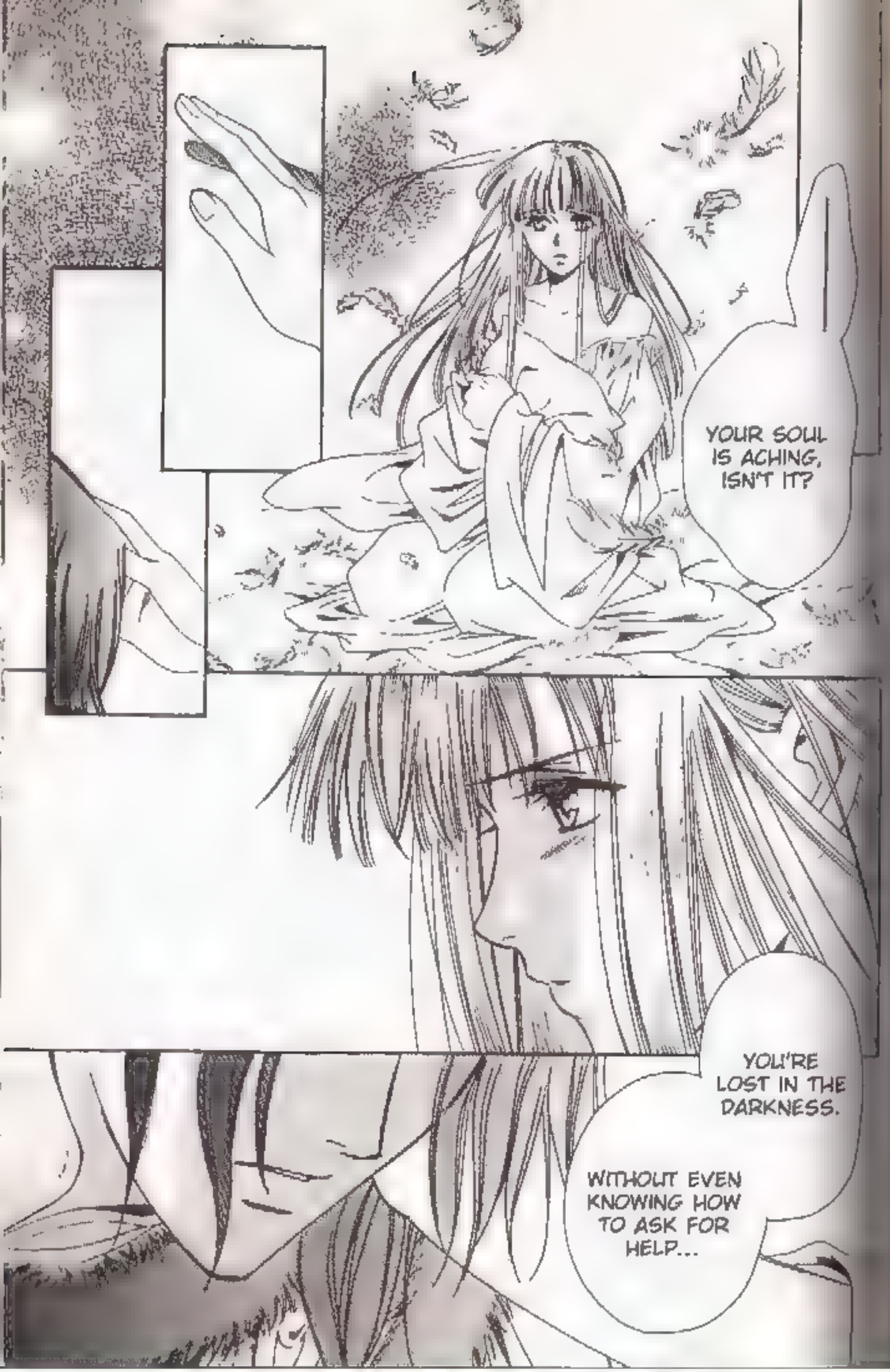

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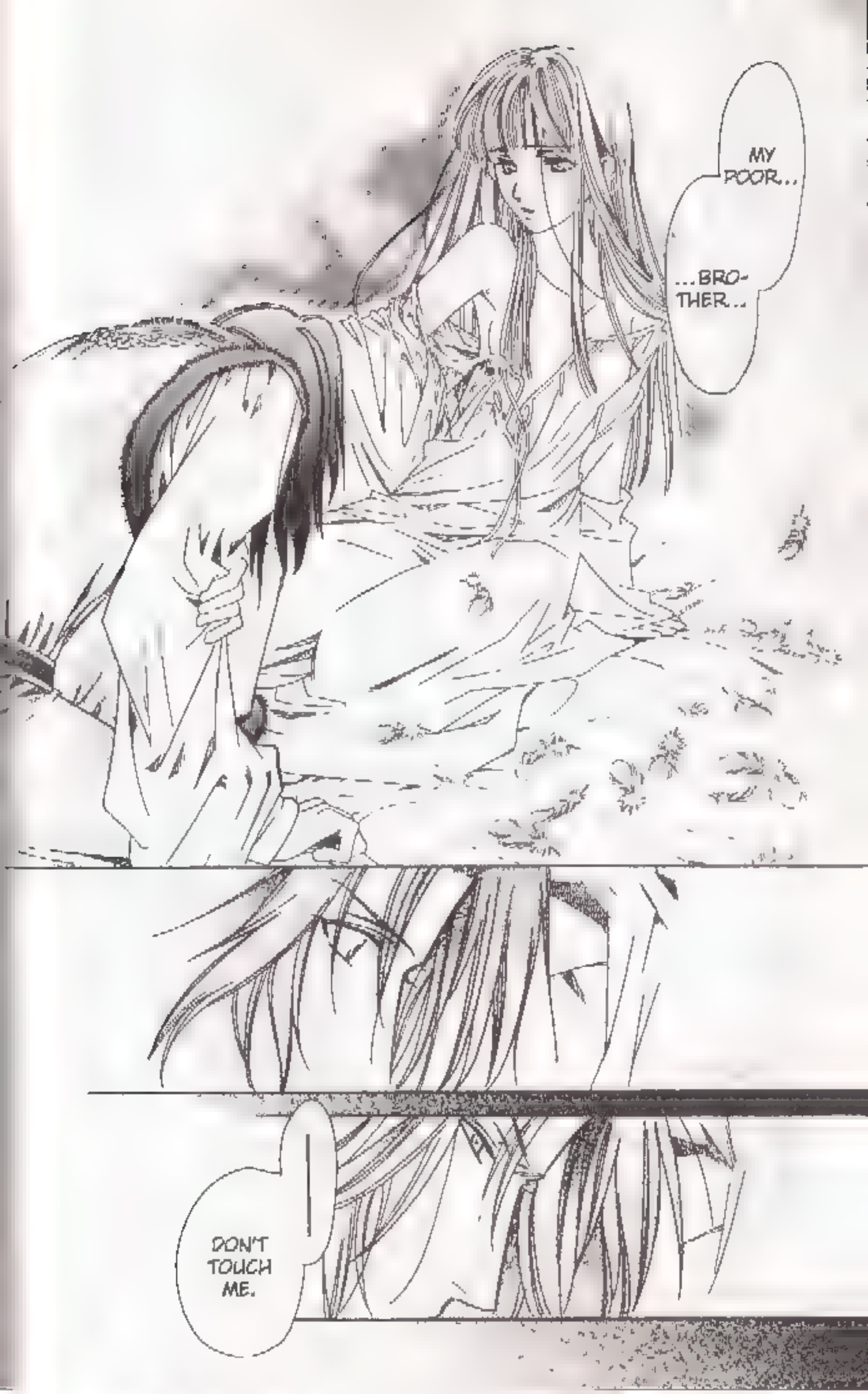

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IF YOU TOUCH ME NOW...

...I'LL KILL YOU.

FLEE

GWAAAW!!

WAIT ...!

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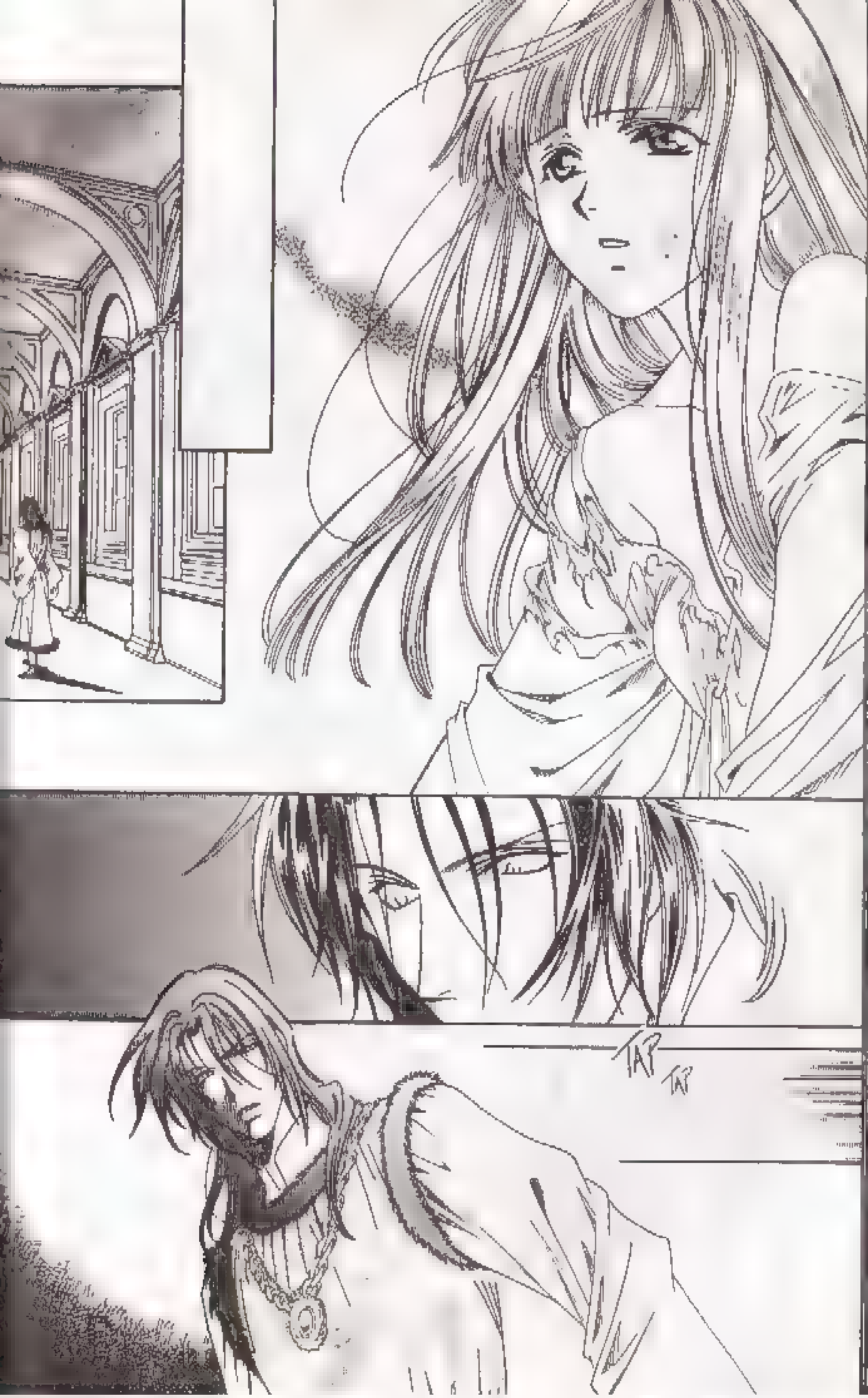

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TAP

!?

UH...
WAAH
!!

AAH. PLEASE DON'T SCARE ME.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'M PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES ON THIS STATUE.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?

UH... OW OW...

WHAM

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WHY...

SO, MY FINISHING TOUCH WAS TO CHISEL MY NAME INTO IT.

THE OTHER DAY, SOME IDIOT CLAIMED THAT SOMEONE ELSE WAS CREATING THIS STATUE.

YES...BUT IN ROME I'M STILL NAME-LESS.

THOUGH YOU LOOK VERY YOUNG.

I'VE HEARD YOU'RE A FAMOUS MASON IN FLORENCE.

OH, THE ONE CARDINAL VILLIERS COMMIS-SIONED?

SHE HAS COME TO TERMS WITH IT ALL.

ALL OF THE OTHER DEPICTIONS SHOW HER WAILING IN ANGUISH..

...SIT SO PEACEFULLY?

... DOES THE VIRGIN MARY ...

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I'M THINKING OF...

...CALLING IT "THE PIETA."

"COMPAS-SION"...

HER SORROW AND HIS FATE

I THINK WAILING IS A WAY OF CALLING FOR MORE SORROW.

BECAUSE TRUE SORROW... IS A PEACEFUL THING.

Hah

WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO YOUR-SELF?

MICHEL-ANGELO!

WHEN PEOPLE SAY MARY LOOKS TOO YOUNG, I TELL THEM THIS:

MARY IS AN ETERNAL IDEAL, AND THEY DO NOT BECOME WRINKLED OLD HAGS.

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WHAT? YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE HERE.

NO, I'M NOT! I'M SURE I...!

HUH ...?

WHERE'D THAT BEAUTIFUL MAN GO?

COMPAS-SION...

THAT IS SOME-THING...

...I CANNOT RELATE TO.

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LUCREZIA IS FULLY RECOVERED.

WITH KING FEDERIGO OF NAPLES' CONSENT, I'D LIKE THE MARRIAGE TALKS TO PROCEED.

AFTER ALL, I'M JUST A PUPPET.

AS YOU WISH.

...JUST LIKE A DEMON, CAREFUL AND SLY. I HAVE NO CHANCE TO INTERJECT.

YOU DO THINGS ...

IF I HAVE DISPLEASED YOU, PLEASE TELL ME.

IT WAS YOUR VERY BEING THAT ENABLED ME TO ACT.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN- ABOUT

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BECAUSE I TRIED TO SUPPRESS YOUR POWER..

...I LOST JUAN FOREVER..

BUT SINCE YOU INSIST...

...I MUST ASK YOU, WHY DO YOU WEAR THE SCARLET ROBES OF MONKHOOD?

IS IT TO IMPLY ...

...DISPLEASURE BECAUSE I FORBID YOU TO GO INTO BATTLE, THOUGH I LET JUAN?

IT WAS..

...JUAN'S FOOLISHNESS THAT BROUGHT HIS END.

BLOCK

!

HOW SHAME-LESS...!

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BUT ...

IT WAS GOOD TIMING.

I'VE RECENT-LY...

...TIRED OF WEARING THESE ROBES.

WILL YOU...LET ME GO, NOW?

YOUR HOLI-NESS?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

YOU'VE SOILED MY ROBES.

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FLORENCE

I DON'T THINK IT WAS ME, EITHER.

DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME.

OH DEAR, AND DRESSED SO ATROCIOUSLY!

WELL! IF IT ISN'T NICCOLO!

OLD MAN.

ARE YOU IN?

YOU LOOK LIKE A PACK-HORSE.

AAH. HE'S INSIDE.

CHIARO!

BY THE WAY, WHERE'S CHIARO?

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CHIARO, YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK NOW.

AH.

IS THAT YOUR SECRETARIAL UNIFORM? IT LOOKS GOOD.

YES.

YOU SET ME UP AT THIS LIQUOR STORE, SO I CAN'T MAKE YOU LOOK BAD.

HE-LO.

YOU'RE WORKING HARD, I SEE.

For drinking Japanese sake

TILT

HOW'S ABOUT WE HAVE A DRINK?

THANKS, BUT I'LL PASS.

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YOU TURN DOWN MY INVITATION TO DO *THIS*?

PRACTIC-ING YOUR SHORT SWORD THROWING, ARE YOU?

NOT JUST SHORT SWORDS.

I CAN USE LONG SWORDS, TOO.

THUNK

I SWEAR, YOU'RE SO FULL OF LIFE

WHEN YOU FIRST SHOWED UP, ALL RUN-DOWN AND BEATEN-UP...

...I THOUGHT IT WAS THE END OF YOU.

I CAN'T ...

...THANK YOU ENOUGH, NICCOLO.

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ALL THOSE MONTHS WHEN YOU HOVERED BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH, YOU KEPT MUTTERING THE SAME NONSENSE.

I DON'T KNOW.

SO, WHEN ...

...ARE YOU GOING BACK TO ROME?

WHEN ...

...THE TIME COMES, I GUESS.

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN THROUGH A LOT.

EVEN... LOSING AN ARM.

THE ONE WHO DID THIS...

...WAS SIGNOR CESARE, WASN'T IT?

IT'S TOO LATE FOR HIM, NOW.

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HIS HUMAN HEART IS ALL BUT LOST.

IN FACT, HE MAY NOT EVEN BE HUMAN AT ALL.

SOME-THING'S COMING FROM THE EAST.

A ORRIBLE, MINOUS EELING AT KEEPS ROWING.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU'D SEALED OFF YOUR SEE-ALL, KNOW-ALL POWER.

YOU SHOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU MEANT TO HIM.

I SEE.

OU WERE HIS ONLY ALVATION.

BOTHERED WITH IT!? NEVER!

YOU WERE THE ONLY LIGHT THAT COULD SHINE THROUGH HIS DARKNESS.

THOUGH YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO BE BOTHERED WITH THIS...

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YOU PROBABLY COULDN'T BEAR IT.

FOR ANY HUMAN, THAT BURDEN WOULD BE TOO HEAVY.

HE COULDN'T HELP...

...CRAVING YOUR BODY AND HEART.

I...

!

DIDN'T I WARN YOU?

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO SAVE HIM.

KILLING HIM...IS THE ONLY WAY!?

THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE HIS SOUL...

...IS TO KILL HIM.

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BUT...

NOW THAT I HOLD THE TITLE OF DUKE...

...IT FEELS LIKE THE COUNTDOWN'S BEGUN.

UMMM ...

YOU MAY ADDRESS ME AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE.

That's such a mouthful you might bite your tongue.

NOW ..

...I'LL HAVE TO START CALLING YOU DUKE OF BISCEGLIE.

BUT...

ISN'T IT STRANGE? WHY WOULD A PRINCE GO TO ROME? SHOULDN'T THE BRIDE COME TO HER GROOM?

THE POPE ORDERED IT SO.

A REPRE-SENTATIVE WILL HANDLE THE EXCHANGE OF WRITTEN OATHS.

THEN I LEAVE FOR ROME.

I SEE...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

...

HUH?

...IT WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN ROME.

MY MARRIA...I TO THE BORGIA FAMILY WHILE I WAS AN ILLEGITIMA... PRINCE.

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ENRI-QUE.

THAT'S A SECRET.

IT COULD RUIN HER REPUTATION.

WELL, AFTER WHAT SHE'S BEEN THROUGH...

SIGNORA LUCREZIA'S HEALTH IS NOT GOOD.

THE POOR THING.

I HEAR SIGNOR CESARE'S SCOUTS ARE DESPERATE TO FIND HIM.

STILL, I WONDER HOW CHIARO'S DOING.

I'M SO CONFUSED.

I JUST... WISH YOU COULD HAVE A HAPPIER MARRIAGE...

WHAT'S THE MATTER ?

WELL, SINCE I HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT HIM BEING CAUGHT...

...I'M SURE HE'S FINE.

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IDEAL? THAT MEANS IT'S NOT REALISTIC.

YES. JUST ONE MAN AND WOMAN WHO LOVE EACH OTHER, BOUND UNDER GOD'S BLESSING.

ISN'T THAT THE IDEAL MARRIAGE?

A HAPPIE MARRIAG

WHAT I DESIRE IS THE LAST THING... ...TO EVER BE GRANTED GOD'S BLESSING.

SO IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME... ...WHO I AM BOUND TO.

NOW... ...JUST BEING BY HER SIDE... ...WILL MAKE ME HAPPY.

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I TOLD YOU, AS A WOMAN BORN IN THIS ERA, YOU MUST BOW TO YOUR FATE.

...YOU CAN'T REJECT MARRIAGE FOREVER.

I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR BABY, BUT...

COME ON, LUCREZIA

YOU CAN'T MOPE ABOUT FOREVER.

YES?

SANCIA?

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN IN LOVE?

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HA...

WHAT A BOTHER.

I HAVE ALWAYS LIVED MY LIFE IN SEARCH OF FUN.

YOU SHOULD, TOO. WHY DON'T YOU RELAX YOUR SHOULDERS A LITTLE? TAKE IT EASY?

IT'S NOT A GOOD STORY.

CHIARO WAS KILLED.

MY BABY WAS TAKEN FROM ME.

I HAVE SO LITTLE, CRYING HAS NO MEANING...

NO MORE ...

I HAVE NOTHING MORE...

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AFTER ALL, THE ONE WHO HAS CAUSED THIS SORROW IS...

...THE ONE WHOM I ALWAYS... ADORED SO DEEPLY.

GRIP

BUT...

I DON'T WANT TO CURSE ANYONE.

LUCREZIA.

I HAVE TO...SEAL OFF THESE FEELINGS.

THEY FILL MY HEART...

WITH SADNESS.. AND LOVE THAT BRINGS ONLY PAIN.

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YOUR HOLI-NESS.

SIGNOR ALFONSO'S ARRIVED.

I'LL SMOTHER IT ALL

AND BOW TO MY FATE.

HE REQUESTS THE CHANCE TO GREET YOU...

AH, BRING HIM HERE.

NO... WE'RE NOT DONE TALKING.

AND HE'S TO BE YOUR NEW BROTHER-IN-LAW. YOU STAY PUT.

THEN I WILL EXCUSE MYSELF.

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YOU SENT FOR ME, FATHER?

CALL FOR LUCRE-ZIA.

ALSO ...

THIS WILL BE HER FIRST TIME MEETING SIGNOR ALFONSO.

YES.

!

LET ME INTRO-DUCE TO YOU..

..THE DUKE OF BISCEGLIE, SIGNOR ALFONSO D'ARAGON.

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SIGNOR ALFONSO IS A FINE MAN. YOU SHOULD HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO MARRYING HIM.

NOW BE CO-OPERATIVE, LUCREZIA.

Y...

YES, FATHER.

A PLEASU... *MEETIN...* YOU, DONNA LUCREZIA.

IT'S AN HONOR. YOU'RE EVEN LOVELIER THAN RUMORED.

AND DON'T FORGET THAT HE'S VERY *PRUDENT*, TOO.

AREN'T YOU, DUKE OF BISCE-GLIE?

I DO BELIEVE IN PEACE AT ANY PRICE. PLEASE BE GENTLE WITH ME.

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THE WEDDING WILL BE IN THREE DAYS.

LUCREZIA, PLEASE SHOW SIGNOR ALFONSO AROUND THE PALACE.

WELL, THEN.

I SURMISE WE CAN CONTINUE THE TALKS.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO SOLIDIFY YOUR RELATION-SHIP WITH NAPLES...

...THAT WOULD BE THE FASTEST WAY.

I HAVE NO OBJEC-TIONS.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FRENCH KING, LOUIS XII, ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY.

YOU SPEAK AS THOUGH THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE INVOLVED.

WITH CHARLES VIII DEAD ...THE WORLD ... HAS CHANGED EVER SO SLIGHTLY.

ONE ALWAYS MUST THINK OF THE MOST EFFICIENT METHOD.

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FOR SUCH AN END

...ANY MEANS ARE GOOD

IF ANYONE GETS IN THE WAY...

...THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED.

!

NAPLES WAS ALSO NOISY, BUT...

...ITS NATURAL BEAUTY IS UNSURPASSED.

ROME'S INNER CITY SEEMED RATHER DANGEROUS BUT...

...HERE IT IS SO PEACEFUL AND NICE.

LUCREZIA?

I'D LOVE TO SHOW IT TO YOU, SOON...

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MASTER ALFONSO...

THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU...

IT MUST'VE BEEN ROUGH AFTERWARD.

YOU'RE ...

...A LITTLE WORN OUT, I TAKE IT?

THE BABY WAS CONCEIVED WHILE YOU WERE WITH CHIARO, YES?

I SEE.

FLAP

...I CANNOT LIE TO A MAN LIKE YOU.

I HAD PLANNED TO STAY QUIET ...

...AND LET TIME WASH AWAY THE TRUTH, BUT...

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THAT'S WONDERFUL! CONGRATULATIONS!

IN SPITE OF YOUR HARDSHIPS, THE LOVE BETWEEN YOU BORE FRUIT!

SHAKE

SHAKE

I WILL PRAY THAT GOD BLESSES YOUR CHILD!

M... MASTER ALFONSO!?

GRAB

!?

SO THERE STILL TIME

EVEN IF YOU SHOULD ANNUL THIS MARRIAGE—

THERE'S NOTHING FOR HIM TO KNOW.

EVER...

HE IS... ALREADY DEAD. SO SAYS MY BROTHER.

CHIARO DOESN'T KNOW YET, DOES HE?

I'M SURE HE'D BE SURPRISED.

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YOUR BRO-THER?

SIGNOR CESARE SAID THAT?

HOW ODD.

MY INFORMANTS HAVE REPORTED NO SUCH THING...

TH...

THEN ...

CHIARO IS... CHIARO IS NOT DEAD?

HE MIGHT STILL BE ALIVE?

I'M NOT CERTAIN ...

...BUT I DO KNOW THAT HE LIVED LONG ENOUGH TO FLEE ROME.

IF I FIND OUT ANYTHING MORE, I'LL TELL YOU, IMMEDIATELY.

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YOU'VE GOTTEN STRONGER.

NO... PERHAPS YOU WERE ALWAYS THIS STRONG.

IF YOU WISH IT, THEN I WILL COMPLY...

POLITICS... IS THAT IT? I UNDERSTAND NOW.

IF I RETURN HOME WITHOUT YOUR HAND IN MARRIAGE, I WON'T BE ABLE TO WALK ABOUT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT FOR SHAME.

...THE ARAGON FAMILY NEEDS THE STRENGTH OF THE BORGIAS.

THIS MIGHT BE RUDE, BUT...

PLEASE ... THROUGH ... CEREM... WITH MI... REGARD... LESS

...WHETHER I LAUGH OR CRY, I DO IT AS A DAUGHTER OF THE BORGIAS.

THAT'S TRUE AFTER ALL...

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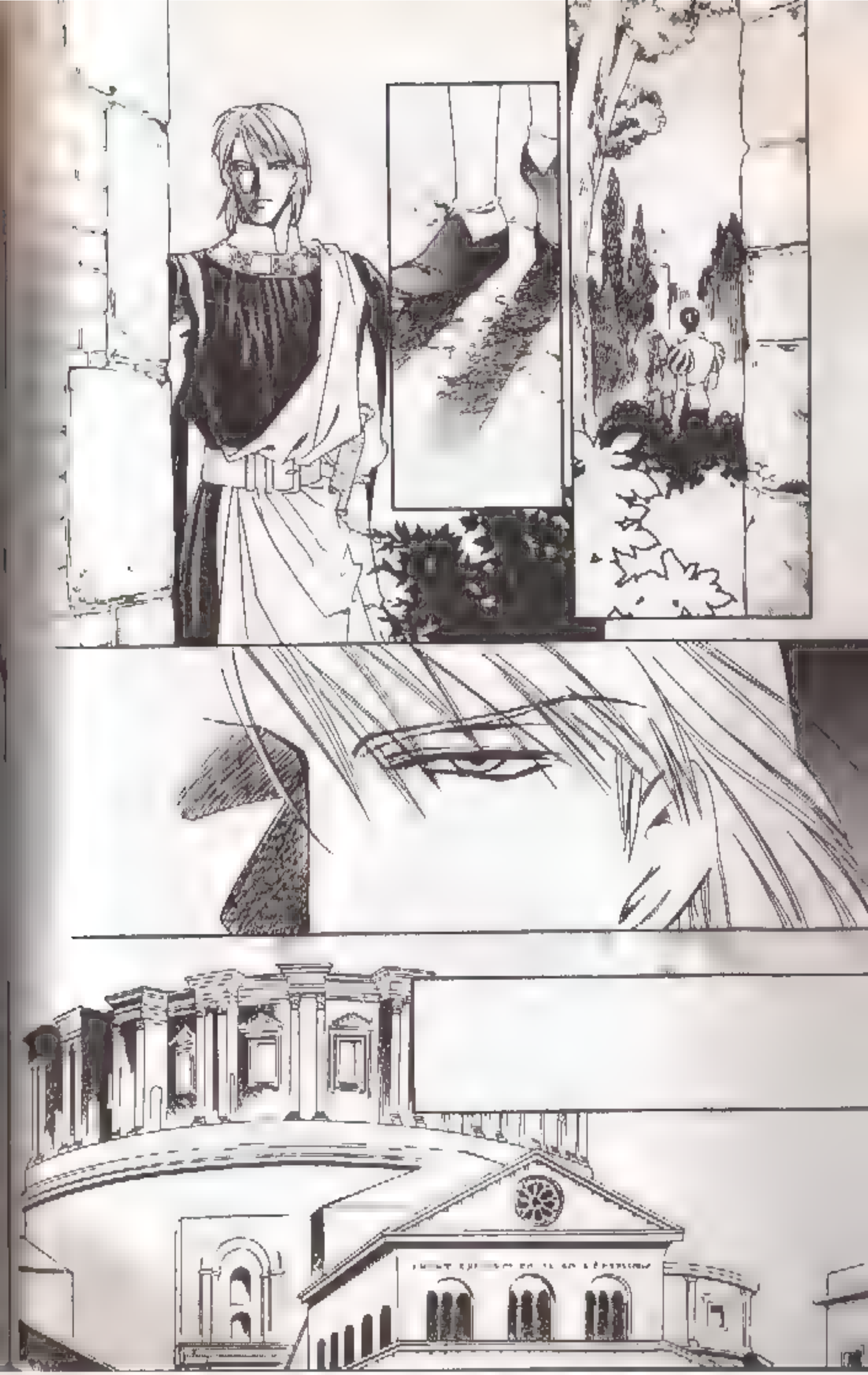

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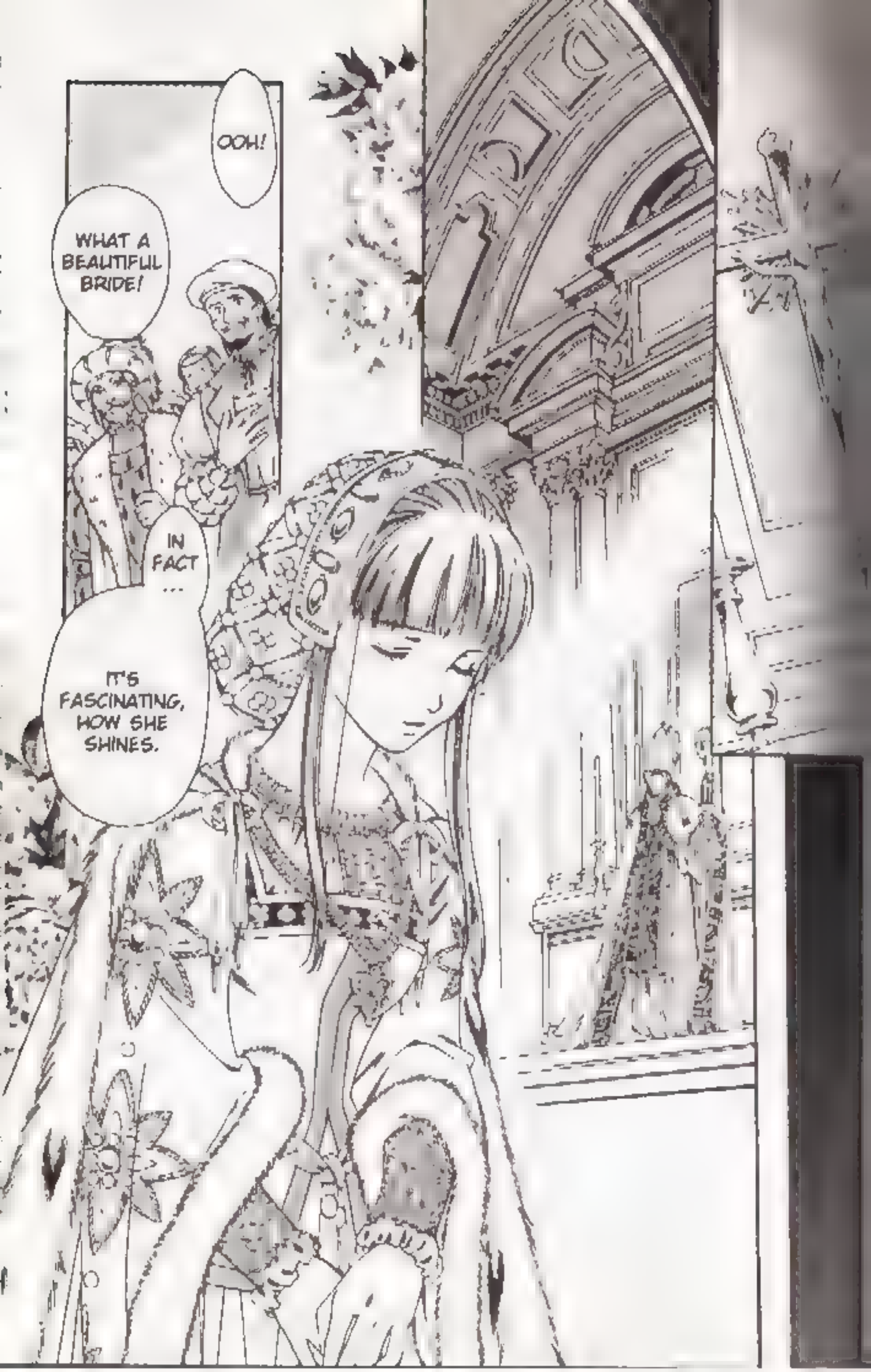

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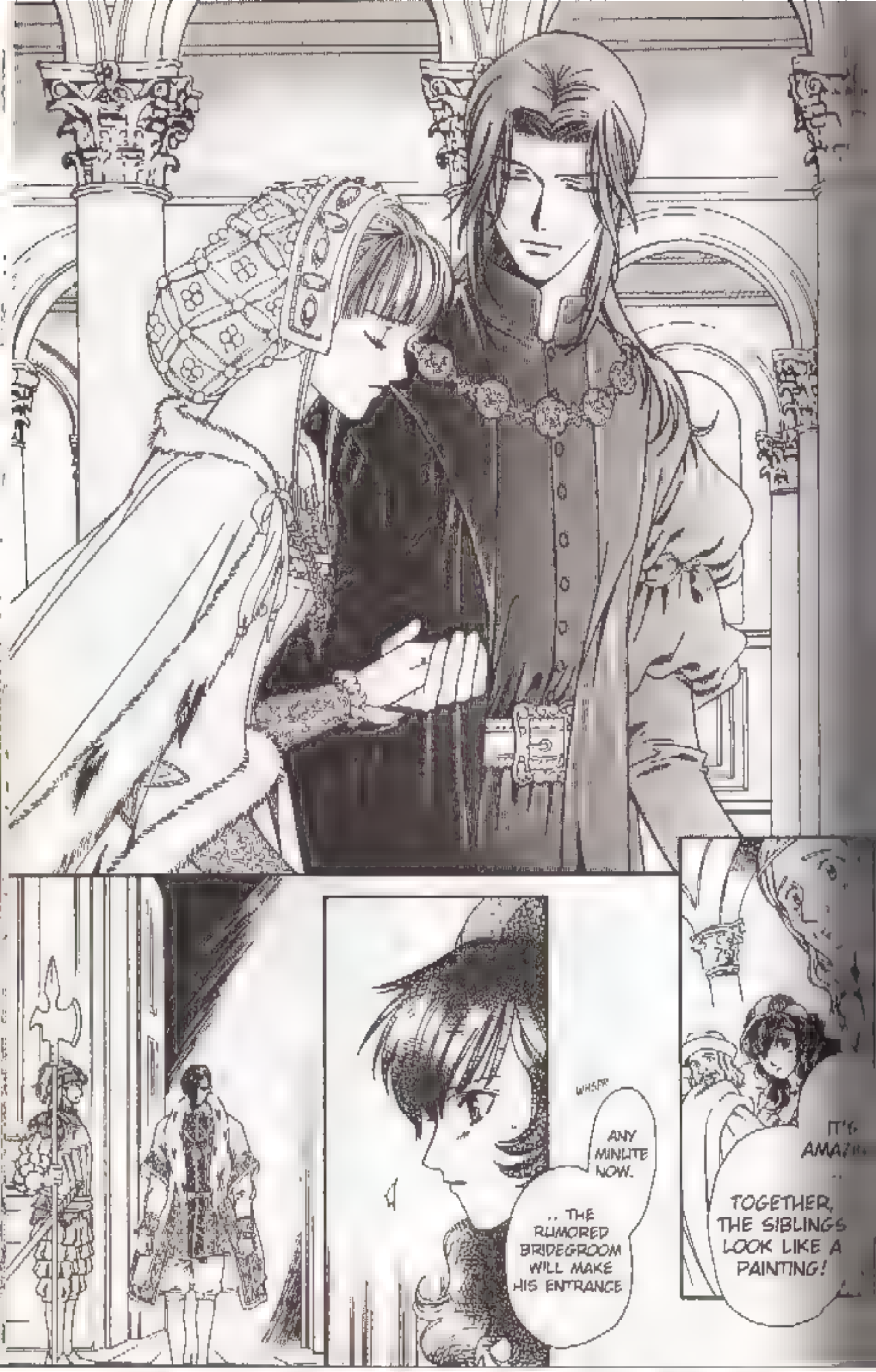

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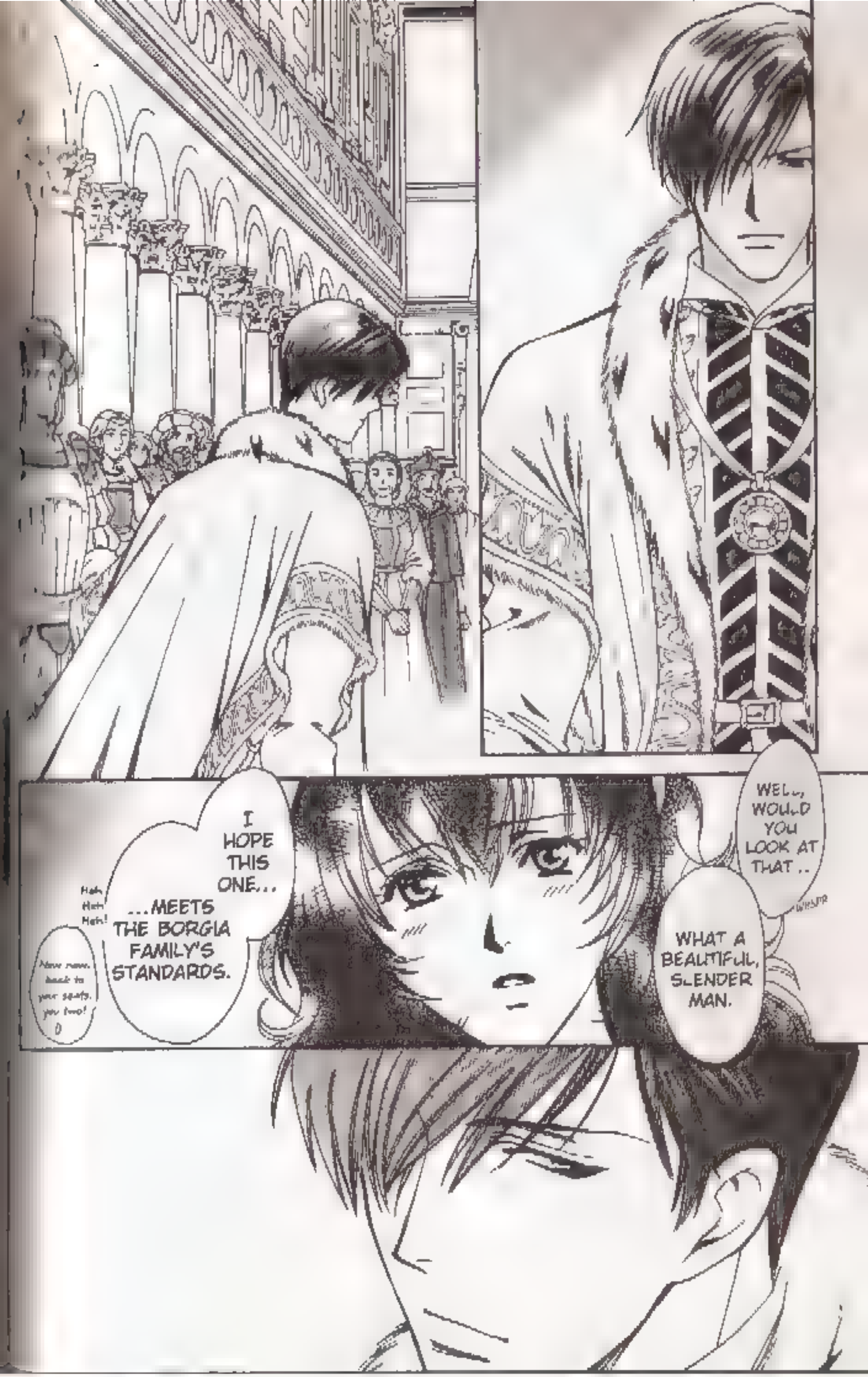
WEL.., WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT..
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL, SLENDER MAN.
I HOPE THIS ONE...
...MEETS THE BORGIA FAMILY'S STANDARDS.
Heh Heh Heh!
Now now, back to your seats, you two! D

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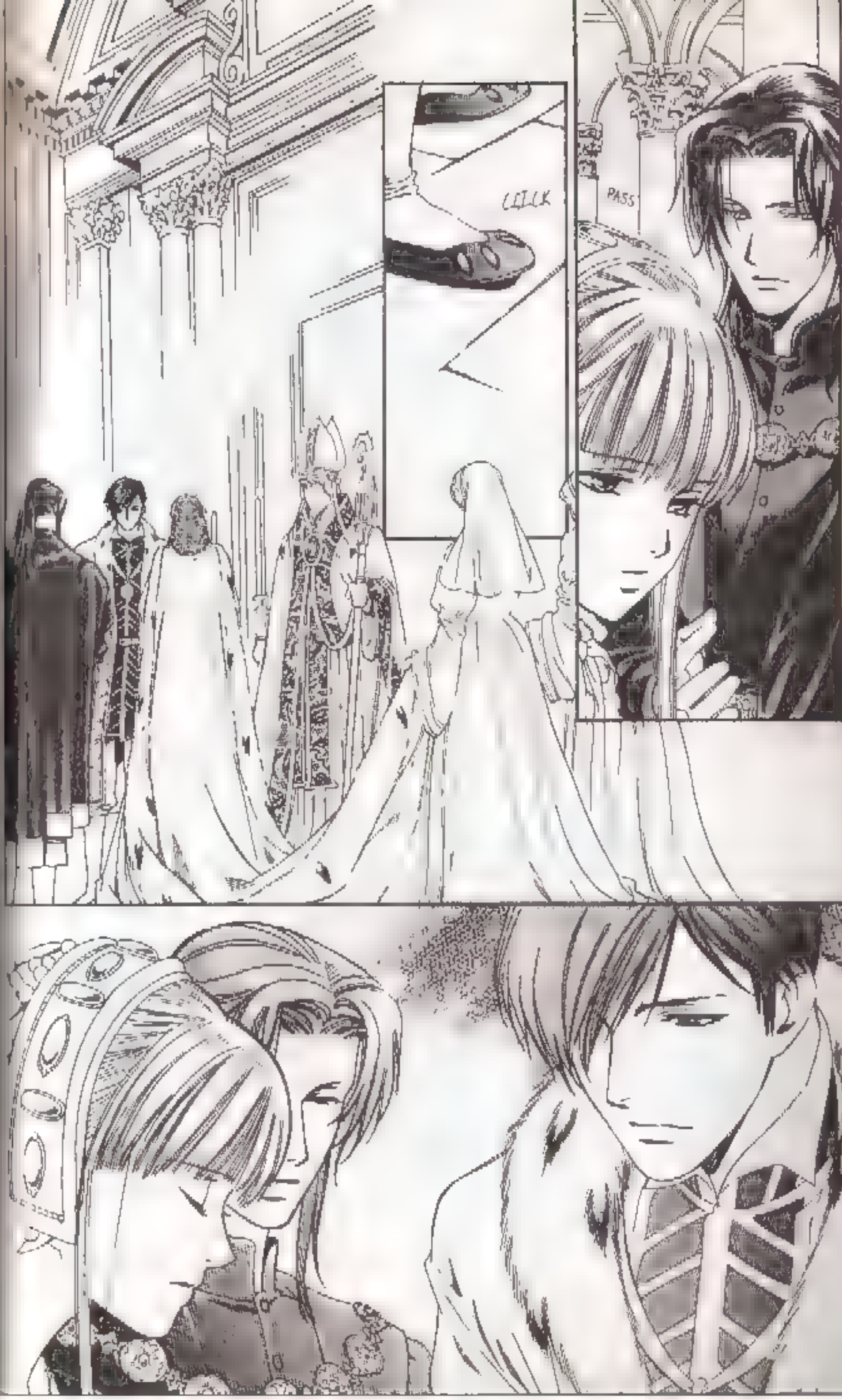

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BEFORE GOD...

...I PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE.

DUKE OF BISCEGLIE, ALFONSO D'ARAGON.

LUCREZIA BORGIA.

STARTLE

!

LOOK

SOMEONE ON THE NAPLES SIDE JUST GOT SPOOKED

Hah hah

IT WOULDN'T BE A BORGIA FAMILY WEDDING WITHOUT IT.

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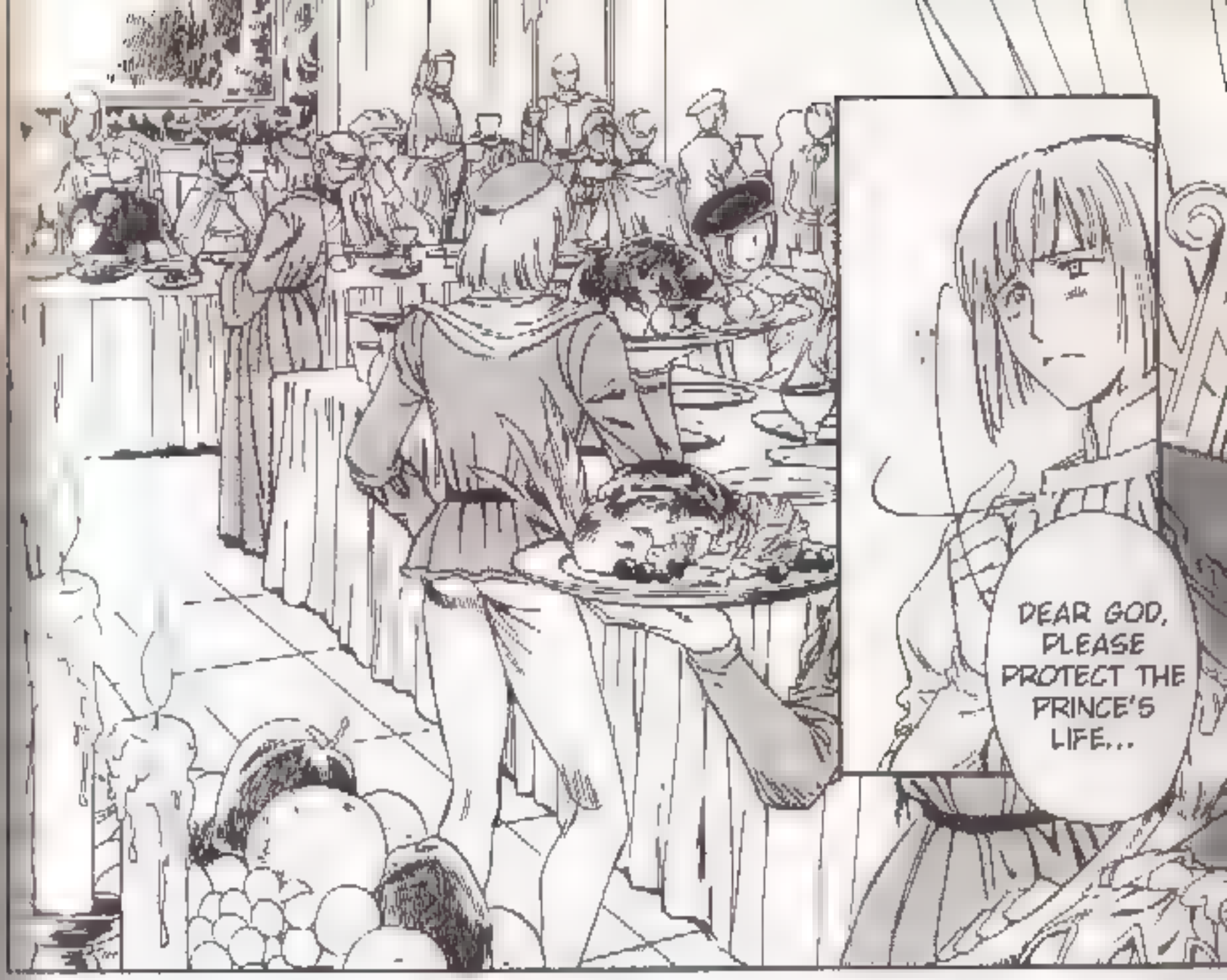

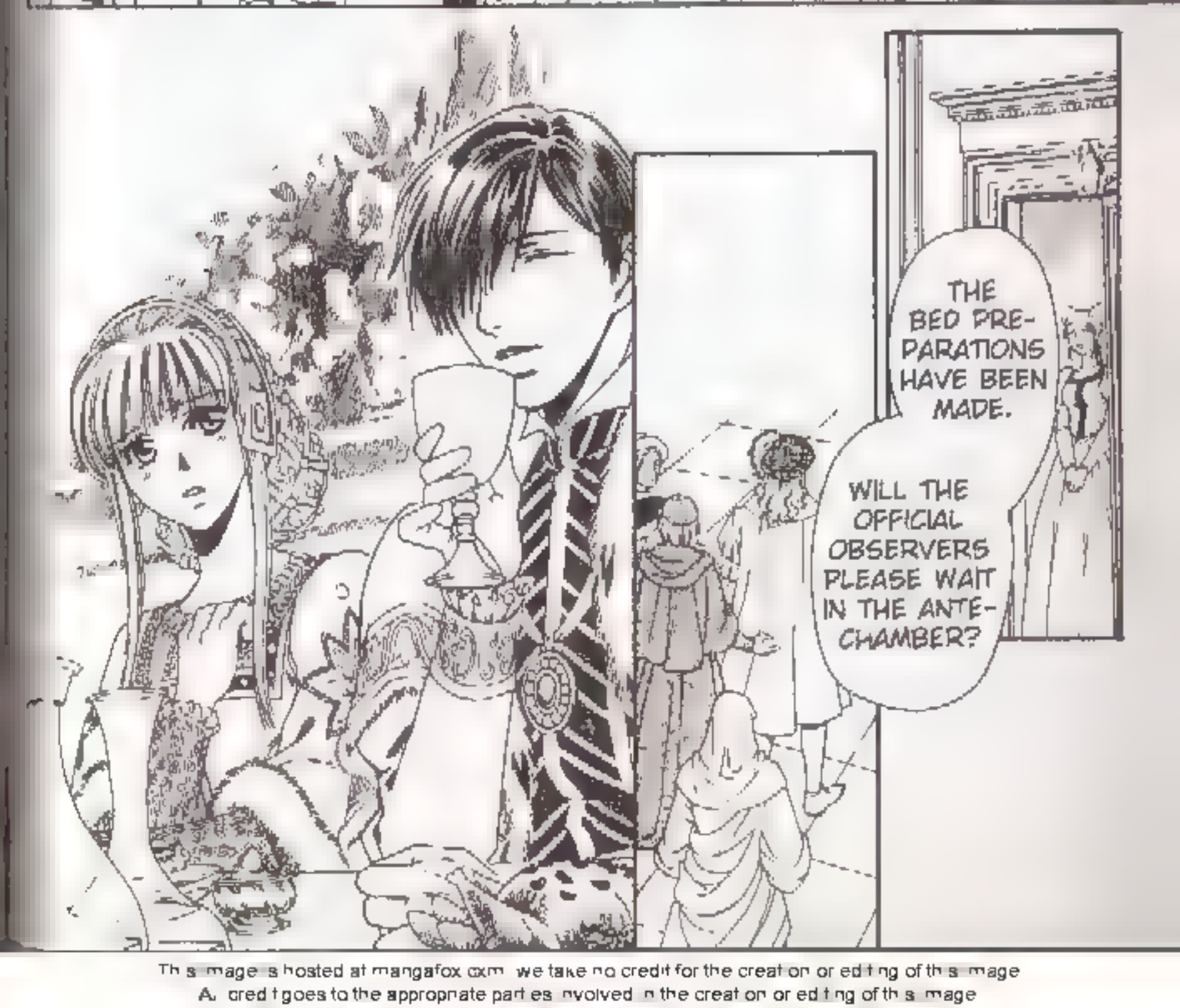

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IT'S ALL RIGHT. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR.

TOUCH

!

HUH? SANCIA, YOU'RE GOING HOME ALREADY?

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POOR ...

... LITTLE PRIN-CESS.

COME ON, SANCIA. WAIT.

HEY, I'M TALKING TO YOU!

FLE

PV PV PV

CLATTER

M... ME, TOO!

HO HO HO

I'LL BE OUT FOR A MINUTE...

UUH!

GRRRUMBLE

GRRRUMBLE

UH!

E-EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT.

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JUST A LITTLE... LAXA-TIVE.

THEY SHOULD BE GONE FOR AWHILE.

IT'S RIDICULOUS TO REQUIRE CONFIRMATION. DON'T YOU THINK THAT FORCING A COUPLE TO SPEND THEIR FIRST NIGHT TOGETHER IN FRONT OF OBSERVERS IS BARBARIC?

I ... ENJOY ... IN A LITTLE REFINE-MENT

HE ADDED SOMETHING SPECIAL TO THE OBSERVERS' FOOD.

REFINE-MENT?

EMPTY

WHAT MUST GET UP ON SUCH A NIGHT WOULD NEVER RISE TO THE OCCASION.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE NER-VOUS.

I'M NOT GOING TO TOUCH YOU

OOPS. SUCH TALK IS UNFIT FOR A LADY'S EARS.

HOW RUDE OF ME.

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THAT WAS MY INTENTION FROM THE START.

AS LONG AS YOUR HEART IS WITH CHIARO...

!?

ALFON-SO...

...EVEN SAYING THAT WE'RE MARRIED, I'D DISGRACE YOU.

BESIDES..

MEN HAVE HONOR, TOO.

THE...

.SELFISH ONE I LOVE CAN BE SCARY.

BUT...

THERE'S STILL ONE OBSERVER LEFT.

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VOLPE.

YES, SIR.

CESARE ...

THUD

OUCH!

WRY-DUH~

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I DON'T APPROVE OF YOUR RESORTING TO VIOLENCE.

THAT WAS UNCALLED FOR.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, ENRIQUE?

FORGIVE ME, PRINCE.

DEAR BROTHER-IN-LAW.

I WAS TOO EASY ON YOU.

THAT'S QUITE A PRANK TO PULL SO SOON AFTER MARRAGE.

DON'T BLAME HIM.

ALFONSO WAS ONLY DOING IT FOR ME—

NOT ANOTHER WORD, LUCREZIA.

THAT'S A SICK JOKE.

MOST HONOR-ABLE BRO-THER.

VIOLENCE? THEN I SHOULD HOLD YOU DOWN AND FORCE YOU?

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THERE IS A SMALL MATTER I MUST DISCUSS WITH SIGNOR ALFONSO.

.....!

I'LL SWEAR TO HAVE WITNESSED YOUR FIRST NIGHT TOGETHER, SO GO BACK TO YOUR ROOM.

UNDER-STAND?

SHUT

WHAT'S THE MATTER? IF SHE FOUND OUT...

...WOULD THERE BE A PROBLEM?

.....

YES... BROTHER

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EVEN IN THE PALACE, WANDERING AROUND AT NIGHT CAN BE DANGEROUS.

I'LL ACCOMPANY YOU.

!

I'D HAD A SLIGHT ...

...SUSPICION FOR A WHILE.

NOW I KNOW THAT THE ONE WHO HELPED CHIARO ESCAPE THE DUNGEON..

...WAS YOU.

ENRIQUE... DID YOU TELL HIM?

I'M SO SORRY, PRINCE.

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BECAUSE I GOT KICKED DOWN WHEN I TRIED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT IT.

I TOLD YOU UP FRONT THAT I DIDN'T WANT HIM TO DIE.

WHSPR

BUT NOW I'M SURE YOU DON'T THINK THAT AT ALL.

IF YOU DID, YOU WOULDN'T SEND VOLPE TO ME.

YOU...

...REBEL AGAINST ME. THOUGH I UNDERSTAND WHY.

DON'T MAKE LIGHT OF ME I MAY BE ONE, BUT I CAN STILL KILL YOU..

Kuh.

IT WOULDN'T BE DIFFI-CULT AT ALL.

YES.

WHERE IS HE?

QUES-TION?

UNDER-STANDING THAT...

...I WANT YOU TO ANSWER A QUESTION.

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WHERE IS CHIARO?

WHY...

...ARE YOU STILL OBSESSED WITH HIM?

THAT ...

..IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO THREATEN ME. I'M SEARCHING FOR HIM, TOO.

PLEASE WER YOUR WORD. I AN'T TALK WITH IT IN MY FACE

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I LEFT HIM ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF ROME

SINCE THEN, I'VE HEARD NOTHING.

I DON'T KNOW IF HE STILL LIVES OR NOT.

CLINK

IS THAT ...

... SO?

SLASH

PRINCE!

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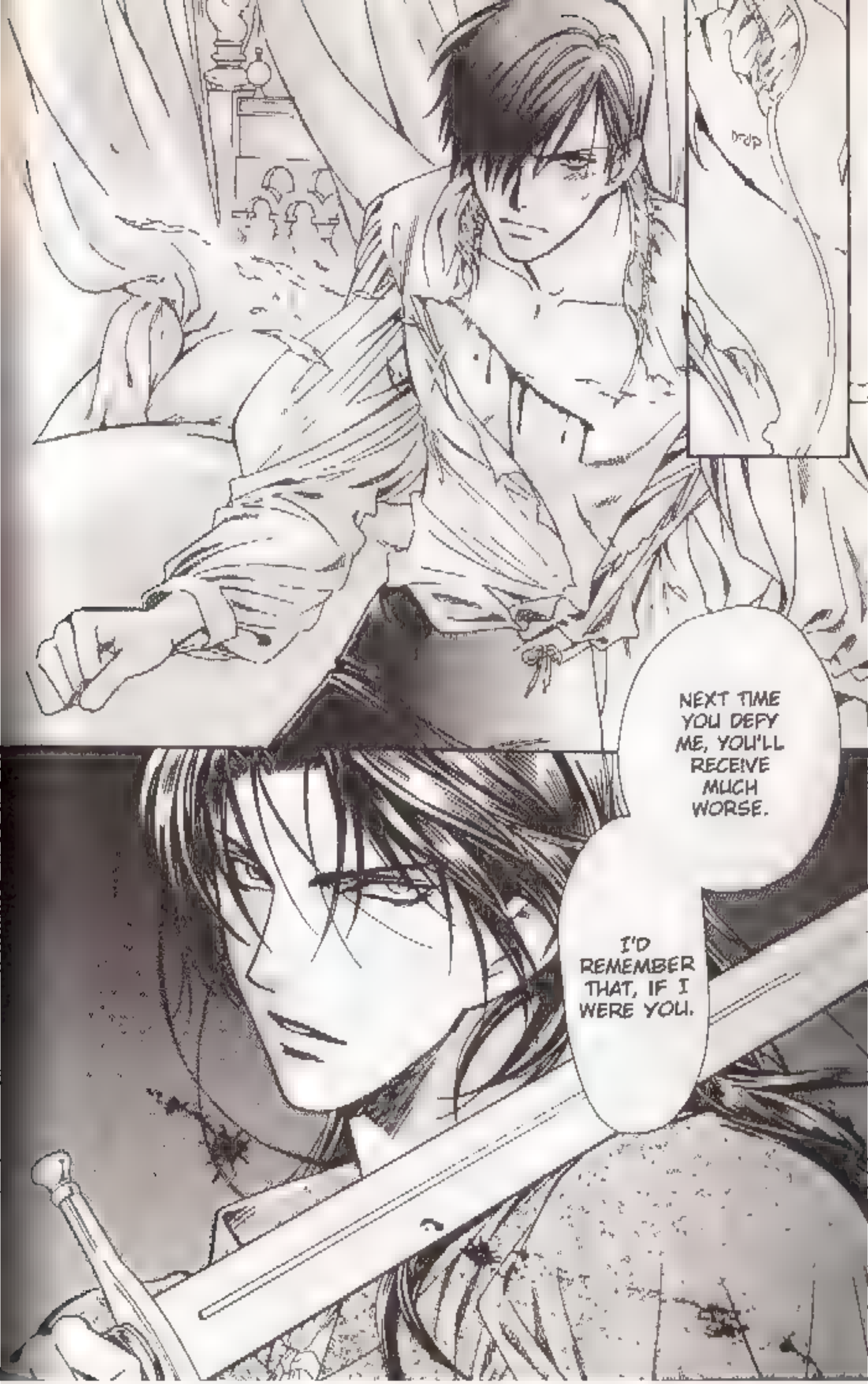

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PRINCE ...

TEARY

IT'S ALL RIGHT.

IT'S OVER WITH.

IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS.

IT'S NOT AS DEEP AS IT LOOKS.

PRINCE ..

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I'M SORRY, I'M ALWAYS DISAPPOINTING...

QUITE THE OPPOSITE, I SHOULD BE APOLOGIZING TO YOU.

WHSPR

BUT, THIS ISN'T GOOD.

IT'S HARD TO MOVE, NOW.

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NATURALLY... UNTIL I CATCH HIM.

HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO CHASE AFTER HIM?

LADY LUCREZIA WAS SAFELY ESCORTED BACK TO HER ROOM.

I SEE... THANK YOU.

AND IF YOU CAPTURE HIM.. THEN WHAT?

I'LL TIE HIM UP. LIKE LIVESTOCK.

AND IF HE TRIES TO RUN AWAY AGAIN, I WILL CHOP OFF HIS HANDS AND FEET.

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THE MOONLIGHT IS MOST ENJOYABLE.

VOLPE.

COME HERE.

WAIT

BUMP

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EVEN SO, YOU WILL STILL ACCOMPANY ME?

THEY AREN'T HUMAN EYES, ARE THEY?

LOOK INTO MY EYES.

YOU NEED NOT EVEN ASK.

IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WISH.

...I ASK FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF THIS WORLD?

EVEN IF...

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MICHELE CORELLA.

!?

THAT'S ...

...I WILL BESTOW UPON YOU THE ONLY NAME FIT FOR THIS MOONLIGHT.

THE N ...

THE CUTTHROAT LURKING IN THE NIGHT.

THE ANGEL OF DEATH. "MICHE-LOTTO"

BEND DOWN.

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...I PLAN TO PETITION FOR MY RESIGNATION.

VOLPE, AT TOMORROW'S CARDINAL MEETING...

THEN, YOU MEAN...

!?

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M RETURNING TO THE SECULAR LIFE.

AS CLERGY, IT'S TOO DIFFICULT TO ACT AS I MUST.

THAT MEANS I NEED YOUR STRENGTH MORE THAN I EVER HAVE.

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NOW, THEN...

...THROUGH SUPPORT OF ALL THE CARDINALS...

...CARDINAL CESARE BORGIA AND...

...ARCHBISHOP VALENTINO WILL RELINQUISH THEIR POSITIONS.

CHATTER

THIS HAS...

...NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

HOW CAN THIS BE?

TO TOSS ASIDE SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS AND LUCRATIVE POSITION...

WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME...

...IS THAT MAN THINKING?

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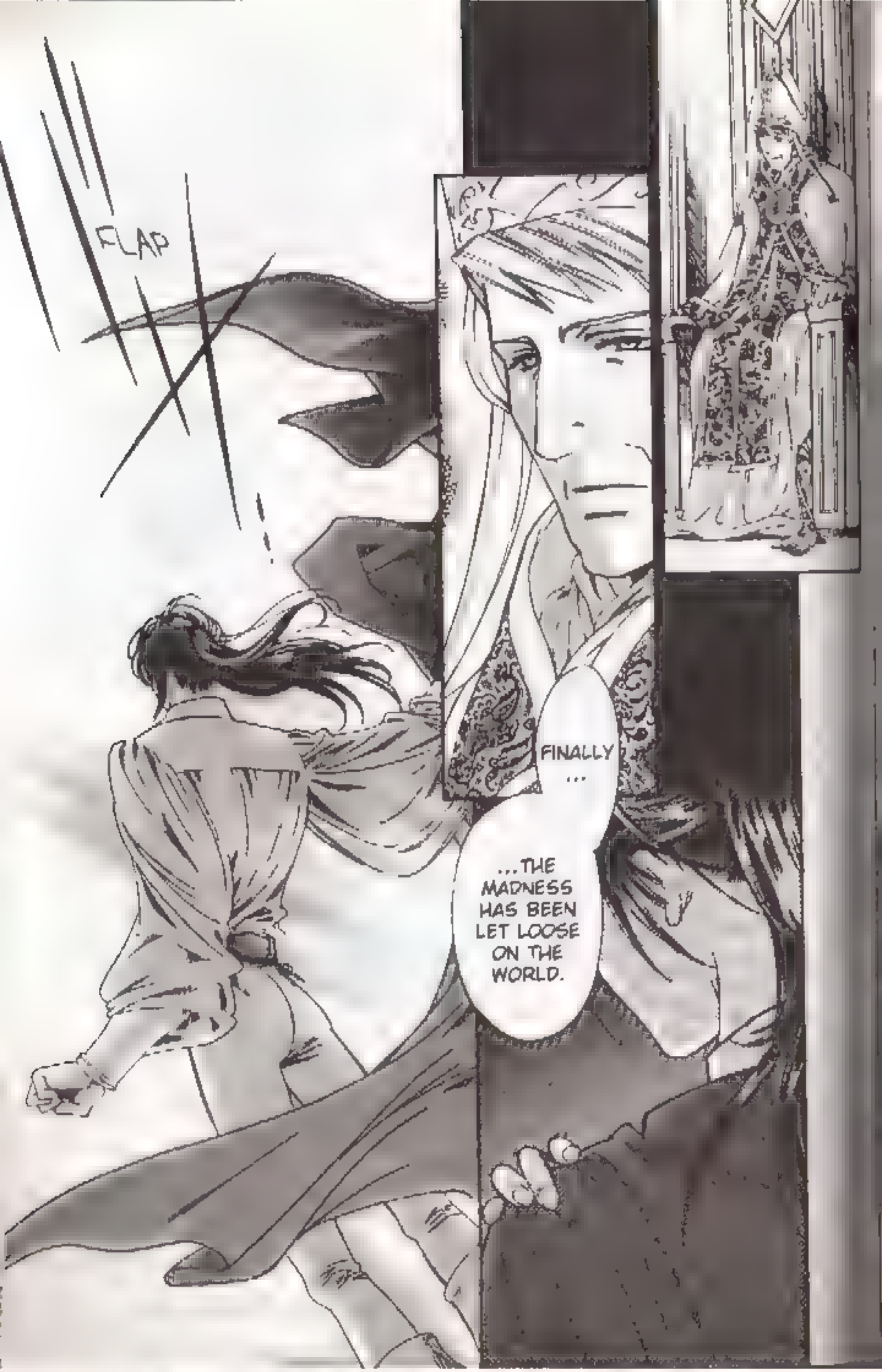

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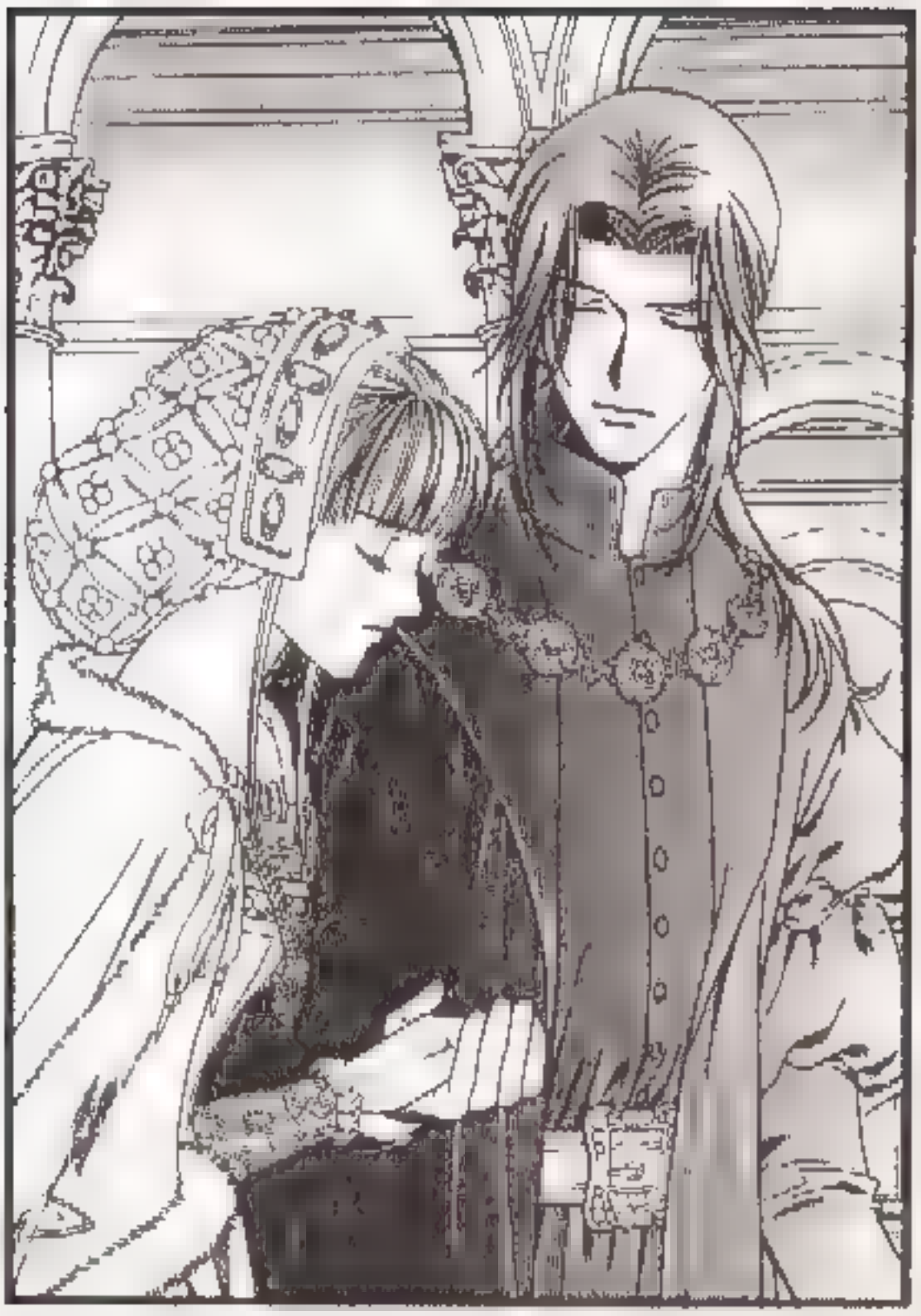

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CANTARELLA BONUS STORY

THE PEARL PRINCESS

真珠目の王女

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SSSHHH

THE ENDLESS COAST-LINE OF CALABRIA, WHERE THE GENTLE WAVES ROLLED UP THE SHORE.

THE WHITE BEACH...THE HORIZON SPARKLING SHINY GREEN.

AND THE SKY...ALL OF IT CAME TOGETHER AS ONE IN MY EYES.

SPLASH

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I FOUND IT SO BEAUTIFUL.

ALFON-SO!

!?

SALTY

COUGH

KER-SPLASH

AH...

WAIT, SISTER.

WAH!

DON'T JUST STAND THERE! COME INTO THE SEA!

IT FEELS WONDER-FUL!

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...YES.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

I SWEAR, YOU'RE SUCH A DULLARD!

DRIP

DRIP

YES.

IT'S BEAUTI-FUL.

IT'S PRET-TY.

TOGETHER... WE HELD HANDS AND WALKED THE WATER'S EDGE.

ON THE ENDLESS BEACH...

...WE WALKED IN SILENCE.

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I LEARNED THAT INSIDE THIS LITTLE OYSTER, A PEARL WOULD SLOWLY BUT SURELY GROW INTO ITS BEAUTIFUL FORM AS IT SLEPT.

THAT'S RIGHT. MASTER ALFONSO, IF YOU OPEN IT LIKE THIS...

IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER SEEN AN OYSTER.

THERE'S A PEARL INSIDE OF THIS?

PROTECTED BY THE WARM, GREEN SEA... IN SECRET.

LIKE A BEAUTIFUL GIRL WAITING FOR HER TURN TO SHINE.

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COME OOON, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL, SANCIA? ♡

!

NO!

DON'T COME NEAR ME!

JUST A LITTLE KISS, THAT'S ALL.

WE'RE GOING TO BE MARRIED SOMEDAY, ANYWAY.

THAT'S WHAT OUR PARENTS DECIDED FOR THEM-SELVES.

I ▪PISE ▪OU, ▪▪RATO!

YOU'RE ALWAYS TRYING SOME LEWD STUNT ON ME.

I'LL ▪▪ YOUR ▪▪ ▪▪ER YOU ▪ ▪N'T LET ▪E BE.

WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE SO MEAN?

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NO NO NO

GRRRR!!

!?

ONORATO!

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF MY SISTER, OR I'LL SIC MY DOG ON YOU!

KYAH!

YOU THINK YOU CAN TATTLE ON ME? GO AHEAD AND TRY!

YOU'RE JUST AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD!

ALFONSO!

KUH...

YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME, SO YOU USE A DOG, EH?

YOU WORM OF A BRAT!

I DON'T CARE!

TCH!

I'LL REMEMBER THIS!

THIS GUY'S GOT A PRETTY BIG APPETITE.

SO YOU'D BETTER RUN.

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!?
BUT ..
... THANKS
YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU?
!
!?
GYAAH!
PUFF!
PUFF!
OH, I'M SORRY
MY HAND SLIPPED.
MM-HM..
HER HAIR... SMELLED LIKE A FRUIT FROM THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES.
BECAUSE WE WERE SIBLINGS... OR BECAUSE OUR SOULS WERE MORE CLOSELY BONDED THAN WITH ANYBODY ELSE, I THOUGHT THAT WAY.
BUT...FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL PERSON, I WOULD DO WHATEVER IT TOOK. THAT'S HOW I THOUGHT.
I WAS SO PUNY AND WEAK, I'D NEVER WON A FIGHT BAREHANDED.

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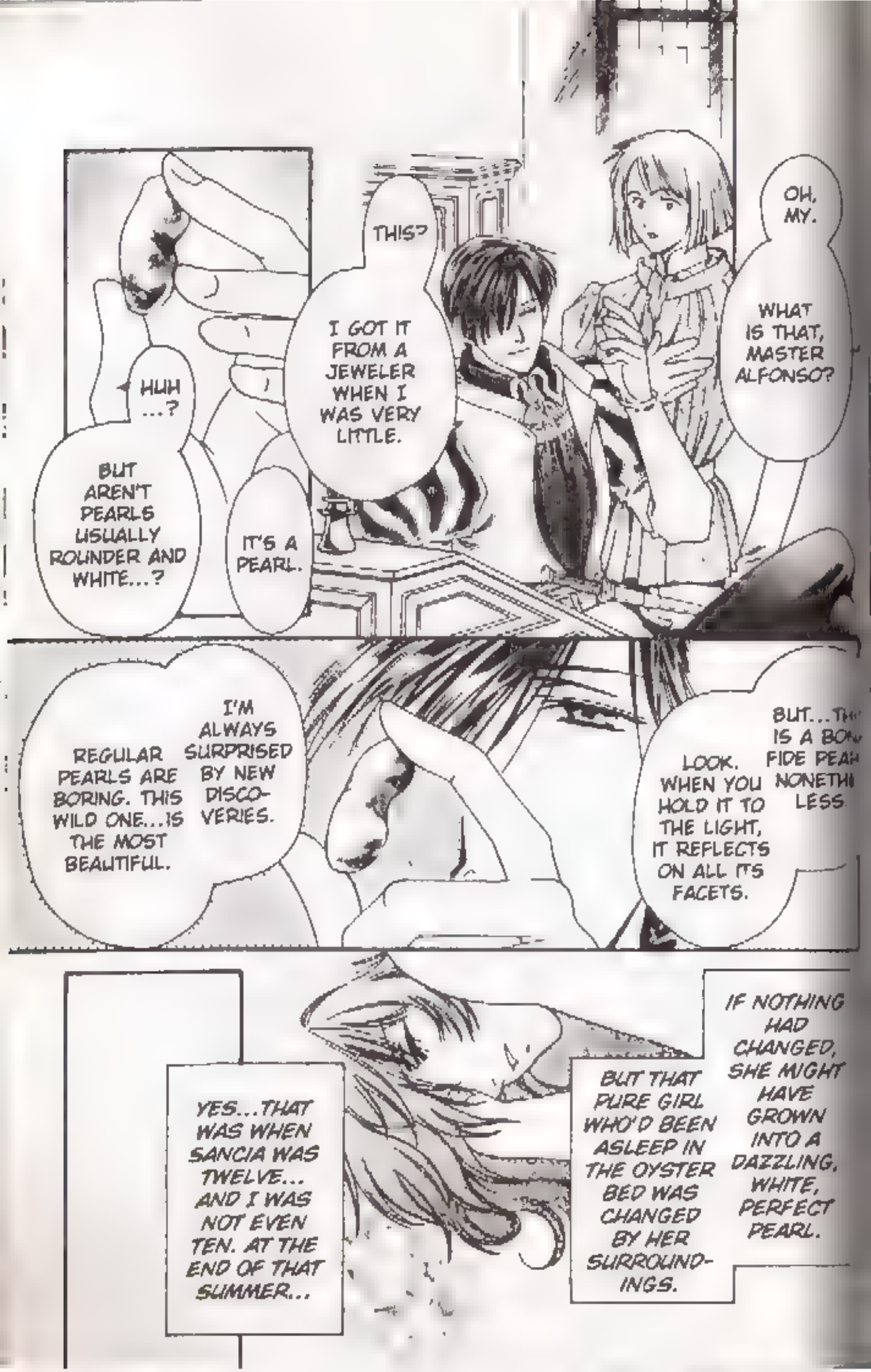
OH, MY.
WHAT IS THAT, MASTER ALFONSO?
THIS?
I GOT IT FROM A JEWELER WHEN I WAS VERY LITTLE.
HUH ...?
BUT AREN'T PEARLS USUALLY ROUNDER AND WHITE...?
IT'S A PEARL.
I'M ALWAYS SURPRISED BY NEW DISCO-VERIES.
REGULAR PEARLS ARE BORING. THIS WILD ONE...IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL.
BUT...THIS IS A BONA FIDE PEARL NONETHELESS.
LOOK. WHEN YOU HOLD IT TO THE LIGHT, IT REFLECTS ON ALL ITS FACETS.
YES...THAT WAS WHEN SANCIA WAS TWELVE... AND I WAS NOT EVEN TEN. AT THE END OF THAT SUMMER...
BUT THAT PURE GIRL WHO'D BEEN ASLEEP IN THE OYSTER BED WAS CHANGED BY HER SURROUND-INGS.
IF NOTHING HAD CHANGED, SHE MIGHT HAVE GROWN INTO A DAZZLING, WHITE, PERFECT PEARL.

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IN CELEBRATION OF OUR FATHER'S RETURN FROM WAR, OUR MOTHER HELD A SMALL BANQUET.

IT WAS A PRIVATE AND MODEST EVENT HELD BEFORE A BROTHEL HOUSE. BUT...

...WHEN THE MUSICIANS WERE CALLED OUT, IT BECAME A GORGEOUS AFFAIR.

THE ONE WHO CAUGHT EVERYONE'S EYE WAS A MINSTREL NAMED GABRIELLO.

ALONG WITH HIS BEAUTIFUL FACE...

THE SOUND OF HIS SITAR, AND THE SAD AND ANCIENT TALE HE SANG, CHARMED EVERYONE'S HEARTS.

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Oooh

BLUUUSH

SMILE

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SANCIA, ARE YOU...

...THERE? HELLO?

SOMETHING NAGGED AT ME, A FORE-BODING...!

TODAY—

AH!

JUMP

!

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THAT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.

SIS...TER. WHAT ARE YOU...

AL... FONSO.

AH!

WAIT—!

I HATE YOU, AL!

BOW

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Tch!

KICK

...I CAUGHT MY SISTER AND GABRIELLO STEALING MOMENTS, ALL ALONE...

AFTER THAT, TIME AND AGAIN...

MY SISTER GREW MORE BEAUTIFUL WITH EACH PASSING DAY...

...LIKE A BRIGHT FLOWER ANXIOUSLY AWAITING ITS DAY TO BLOOM.

THE FACT THAT MY SISTER WAS LOVE SHONE MORE BRIGHTLY THAN A FLAME.

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IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL...

THE ADULTS' CONVERSATIONS WERE CONCERNED WITH THE POPE'S SUDDEN ILLNESS, AT THE START OF THE YEAR.

AND WHETHER THE FRENCH KING CHARLES VIII WOULD ATTACK NAPLES, TO SEIZE THE KINGDOM.

...IT WAS DECIDED THAT MY STEP-SISTER ISABELLA WOULD MOVE TO MILAN AND MARRY GIAN GALEAZZO.

I COULDN'T FOLLOW THEIR CONVERSATIONS...

HEE HEE

YAY!

ISABELLA WAS THE DAUGHTER OF MY FATHER THE ELDER SON OF THE KING OF NAPLES LEGAL W[illegible]

EVEN SO, SHE ALWAYS TREATED US FAIRLY, AND WITH KINDNESS.

ISABELLA WAS ESPECIALLY CLOSE TO SANCIA.

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WELL.

I'M NOT SURPRISED TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, SANCIA.

AND ...

...HIS FINGERS ARE SO LONG AND WHITE AS THEY PLUCK HIS SITAR.

HE LIVES UP TO HIS NAMESAKE, THE ANGEL, GABRIEL.

YOU MUST REALLY LOVE THIS MAN.

...MM-HM...

BUT [illegible]OMISE ME [illegible]U'LL KEEP MY SECRET!

HER SAD EYES REFLECTED THE BREAK IN HER HEART FROM BEING FORCED TO WED A STRANGER FOR POLITICAL CONVENIENCE.

I WILL.

WE MUST TREAT YOUR FIRST LOVE PRECIOUSLY, SANCIA.

LOVE ...

...IS SOMETHING ONE MUST NOT EVER LOSE.

ISA-BELLA ...

HEY. ISA-BELLA.

WHY DON'T YOU COME HEAR GABRIELLO'S SONG NEXT TIME?

HI'D [illegible]E TO MEET YOU.

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AH.

HEE!

SO, YOU CAN'T HAVE HIM!

BUT GABRIELLO IS MINE.

I'VE BRAGGED SO MUCH ABOUT YOU, HE'S INTRIGUED.

OH, MY.

ME?

I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA.

MINSTRELS ARE KNOWN FOR BEING TRAMPS.

IT COULD BE DANGEROUS TO LET ISABELLA MEET A MAN LIKE THAT.

WHAT?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

UM. SISTER

DID GABRIELLO ASK TO MEET HER

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THERE'S NO CHANCE THAT ANYTHING WILL HAPPEN!

STIIING

ISABELLA'S VITAL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF NAPLES. IF SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER, WHAT WOULD WE DO!?

LET ME FINISH!

THAT'S MEAN!

ARE YOU IMPLYING THAT GABRIELLO'S UP TO NO GOOD!?

HE SAYS I'M THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON TO HIM.

GABRI-ELLO'S VERY KIND.

.HOW TRUE THAT IS.

I WONDER...

..KNOW HOW I FEEL!?

HOW COULD SOMEONE LIKE YOU, WHO'S NEVER KNOWN LOVE...

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DISCORD BETWEEN THE ANJOU FRENCH FAMILY WHO FORMERLY RULED NAPLES, AND THE CURRENTLY RULING ARAGON FAMILY CONTINUED.

THEN... WHAT IS THIS PAIN IN MY CHEST...?

AFTER A FAILED UPRISING, A FACTION OF THE ANJOU FAMILY FLED TO FRANCE...

...INTENDING TO MAKE KING CHARLES VIII OF FRANCE, WITHIN WHOM FLOWED ANJOU BLOOD, NEXT IN LINE FOR SUCCESSION IN NAPLES.

THE REGENT LUDOVIKO IL MORO ACTUALLY RULED THE PRINCIPALITY OF MILAN BUT...

...THE LEGAL RIGHT TO SUCCESSION LAY IN THE MAN ISABELLA WAS TO WED: GIAN GALEAZZO.

KING FERRANTE OF NAPLES TOOK POLITICAL MEASURES TO PREVENT THIS...

...BY MARRYING HIS GRAND-DAUGHTER TO THE DUKE OF MILAN.

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WHETHER THEIR PLAN SUCCEEDED... IS ANOTHER STORY.

WHAT IT DID DO, WAS SHAKE THE PEOPLE'S FAITH.

GETTING MILAN ON NAPLES' SIDE...

...MUST BE INTENDED TO MAKE A FRENCH INVASION OF NAPLES MORE DIFFICULT.

!

IN-DEED.

WELL, IT SEEMS.

NEXT WEEK, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SLIP INTO A CALABRIA BANQUET.

HOW ARE THINGS PRO-GRESSING, GABRIELLO?

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YOUR PARENTS AND MY FAMILY WERE KILLED THAT WAY.

THE RELATIVES OF THAT MAN...ARE MERELY BEASTS.

THINK OF THE HORRORS FERRANTE CAUSED.

HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES WERE KILLED IN THE CRUELEST WAYS IN THE CASTLE DUNGEONS...AND THEIR CORPSES PRESERVED TO BE SHAMED.

YOU NEEDN'T WORRY.

EXCEPT THAT IF YOU FAIL, THEY'LL GET YOU FIRST. NOTHING MORE.

WHAT NONSENSE IS THIS?

I KNOW IT'S FOR THE GREATER GOOD, BUT TO DECEIVE A YOUNG GIRL THIS WAY...

BUT SOMETHING BOTHERING M

KEEP IN MIND THE BITTER EXPERIENCE WE ANGEVIN HAVE SUFFERED.

WHAT'S THIS?

EVEN A LITTLE SCRATCH WILL DO. THE BLADE HAS BEEN DIPPED IN POISON.

FIND A CHANCE DURING THE FEAST TO STAB THE LADY ISABELLA.

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UNDER-
STOOD.

SANCIA
...!

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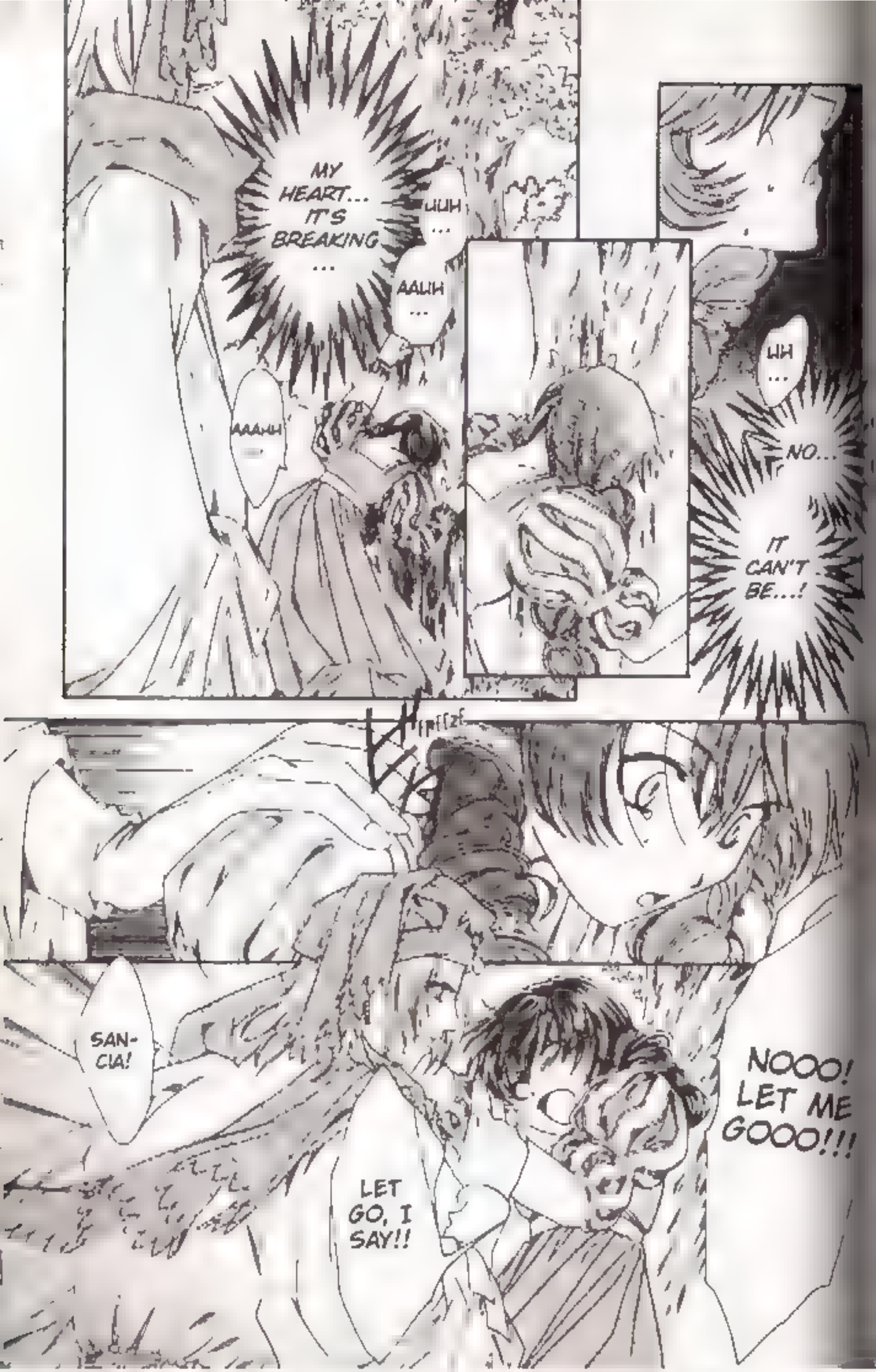

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PLEASE, SANCIA.

DON'T STRUGGLE.

LET G...!

NOO!

LET GO!

YOU LYING MURDER-ER!

UUH ...

NN!

.....!

...WANT TO KILL YOU.

I DON'T ...

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I HATE YOU...

LEAN

...YOU WERE JUST USING ME, WEREN'T YOU?

FROM THE VERY START...

I'M SORRY.

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AND YOUR KISS, TOO?

I WANT YOU TO FORGET ABOUT TODAY

YOU DIDN'T SEE OR HEAR ANYTHING.

UNDER-STAND?

WELL, WELL.

WHO'S THAT?

SAN-CIA.

WELL?

YOUR KISS, TOO...? GABRIELLO.

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THAT DAY...

C... COME NOW, YOUNG MASTER.

DON'T PULL SO HARD.

PERFECT TIMING!

THE FLOWER I'VE BEEN GROWING'S BLOSSOMED BEAUTIFULLY! COME LOOK!

H... HEY THERE

GARDENER GEPPETTO.

MASTER ALFONSO?

WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THAT?

...WITH THE SOLE THOUGHT IN MY HEART TO PROTECT SANCIA...

...EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE HURTING EACH OTHER, I FOLLOWED AT A DISTANCE.

IT WASN'T SO...

...I WOULD SEE SANCIA LIKE THAT.

QUITE THE CONTRARY...

BUT...I COULDN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD.

I THOUGHT IT WAS A BAD DREAM.

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THE SCORCHING WAVES WOULD SEIZE ME AGAIN AND AGAIN.

FLINGING ME UP AND THEN SINKING ME DEEP...ONLY TO RELEASE ME AGAIN.

EVENTUALLY, I STARTED TO THINK OF IT AS QUITE PLEASURABLE.

IN THAT GREEN SEA...I WAS SLOWLY DYING.

...LIKE A SIREN, THAT BAD DREAM, TRAPPED ME AND NEVER LET ME GO.

I WOULD WAKE UP CRYING.

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?

WHY THE LONG FACE?

YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?

OH.

IT'S NOTHING.

LIAR.

YOU'RE SHAKING. MAYBE YOU HAVE A FEVER.

DON'T TOUCH ME!

SHOCK

SAN-CIA?

AH.

N-NO, I...

OH ...

AH, I'M SORRY

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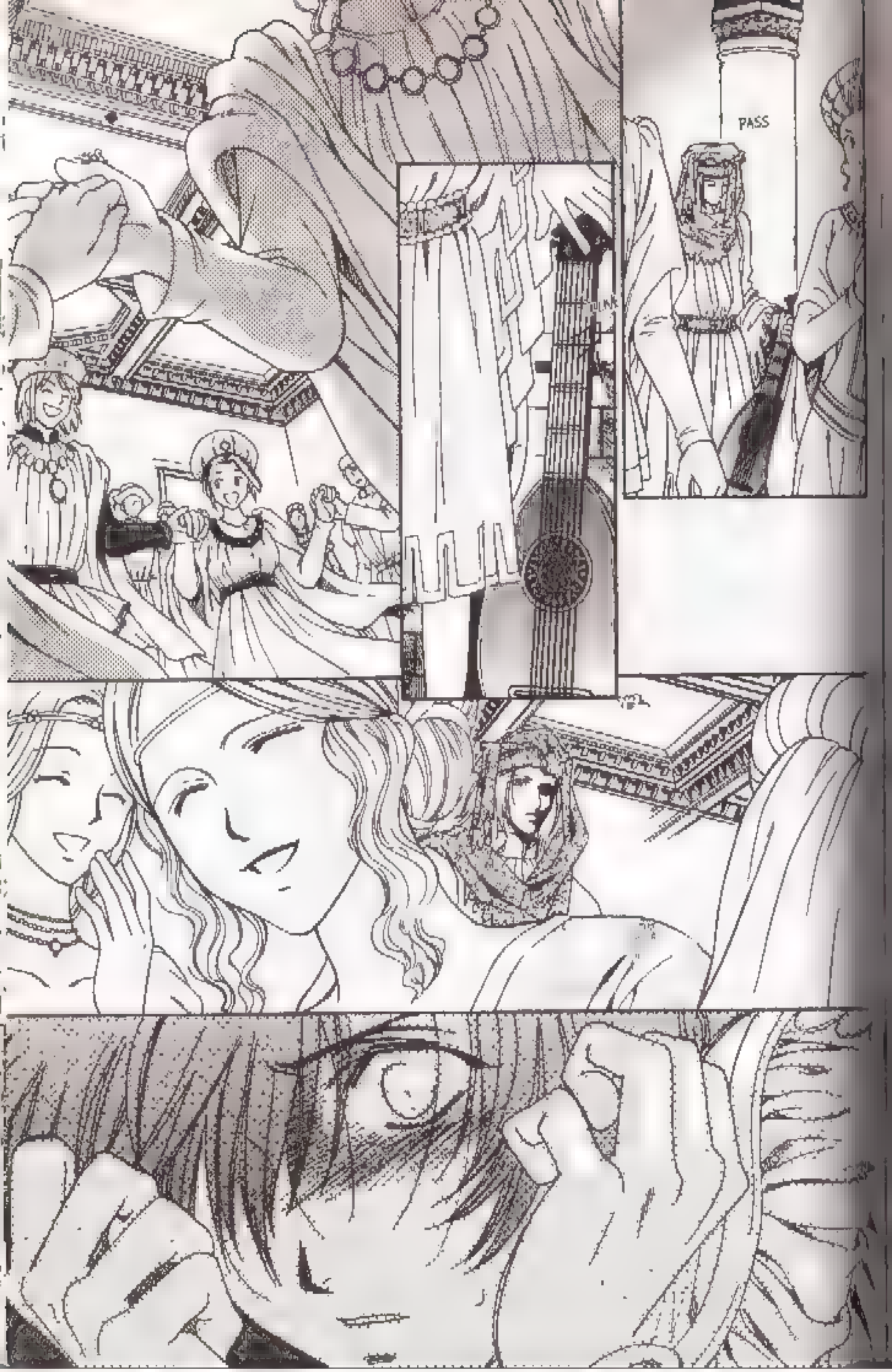

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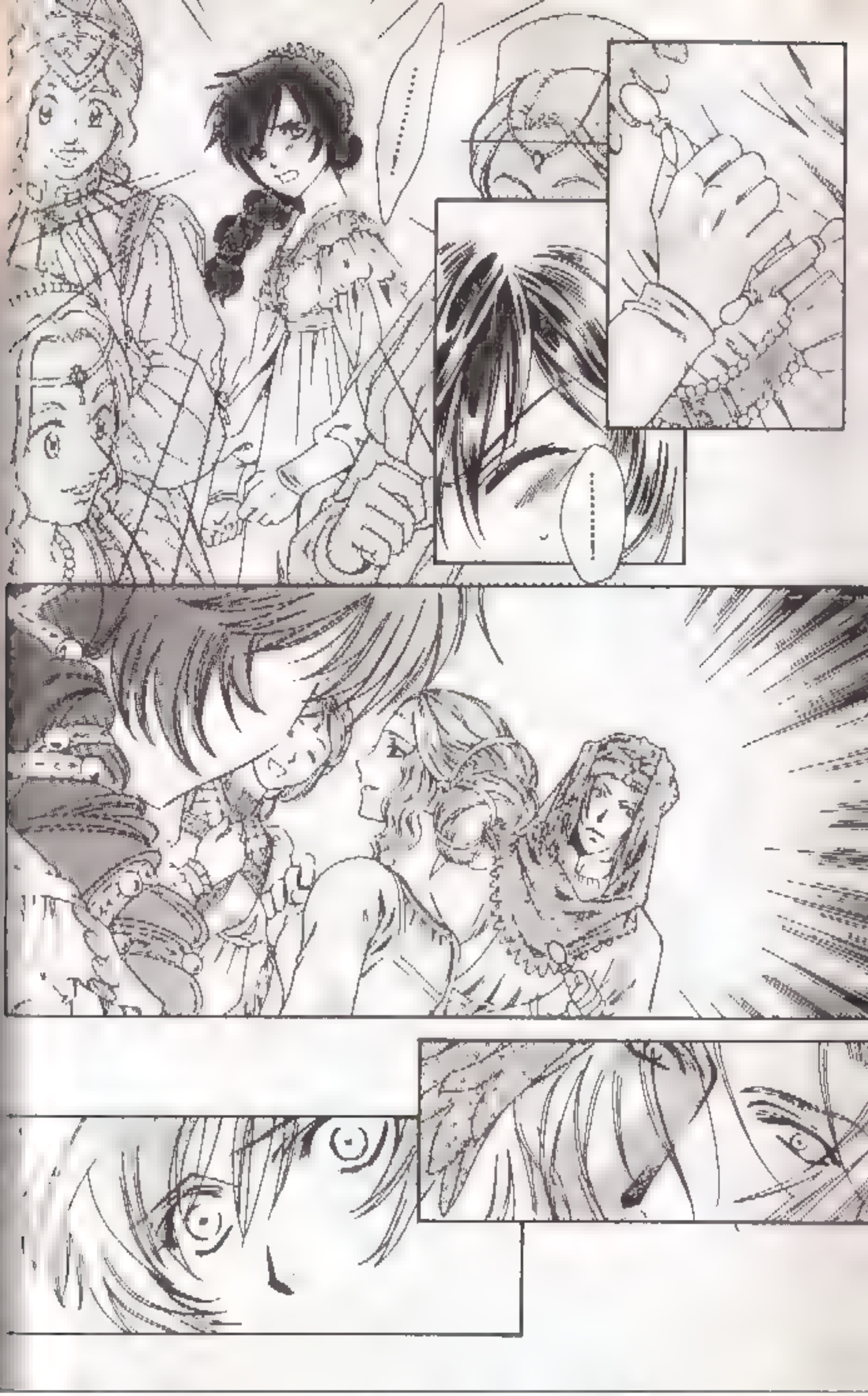

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SANCIA ...

YOU BETRAYED ME!?

SEIZE THAT MAN!

I DIDN'T DO ANYTH—

GABRI-ELLO!?

!?

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CHAPTER

HE'S A REFUGEE FROM THE ANGEVIN PARTY.

HE WAS TARGETING LADY ISA-BELLA.

WHAT'S ...

... GOING ON!?

AFTER HIM!

HE'S GETTING AWAY!

RUN

WHY...

I'M SORRY...

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SLAP

I...

...
ALERTED
THEM...

WH...

...Y!?

YOU
STUPID
CHILD...!

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SH!

KYAH ..

GABRI-ELLO!

KEEP LOOK-ING

HE'S NOT HERE.

UNTIL I CAN ESCAPE...

...I'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU HOSTAGE.

IT WAS WRONG OF YOU TO CHASE ME THIS FAR.

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GABRI-ELLO!

LISTEN, I—

NOW, THEN.

COME WITH ME.

I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN TO YOU.

.....!!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

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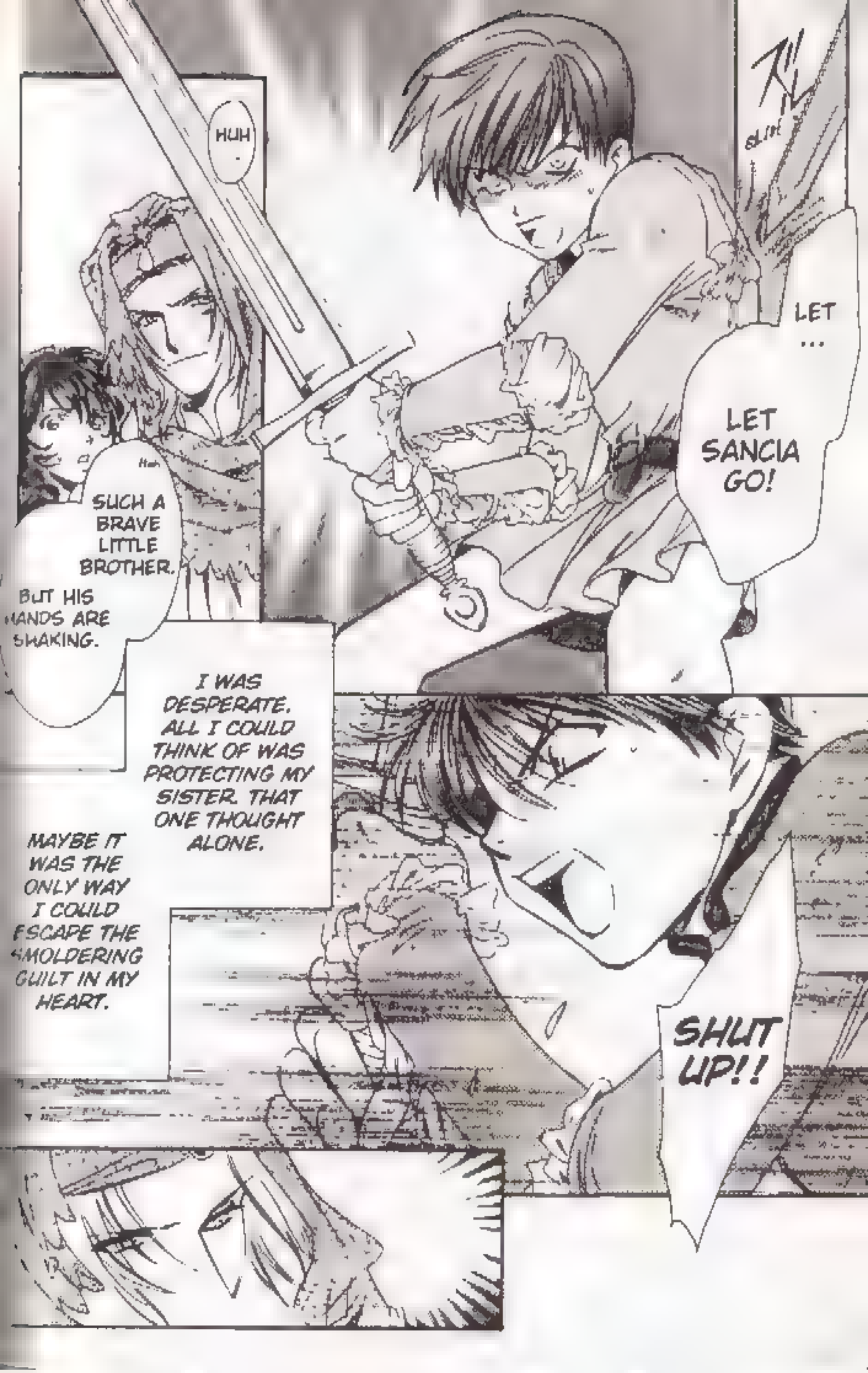
HUH.
LET ...
LET SANCIA GO!
SUCH A BRAVE LITTLE BROTHER.
BUT HIS HANDS ARE SHAKING.
I WAS DESPERATE. ALL I COULD THINK OF WAS PROTECTING MY SISTER. THAT ONE THOUGHT ALONE.
MAYBE IT WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD ESCAPE THE SMOLDERING GUILT IN MY HEART.
SHUT UP!!

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I DON'T LIKE TO GET ROUGH WITH LITTLE KIDS.

BE A GOOD BOY, AND GO.

!

YOU...

...DON'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT.

YANK

WAAAH!!

BITE

I HAD NEVER CURSED MY OWN WEAKNESS AS MUCH AS I DID THAT DAY.

IF ONLY...IF ONLY I WERE STRONG-ER...

IF ONLY I WERE OLDER...THEN I WOULDN'T LOSE...

THIS IS PROOF OF MY WEAKNESS.

AAH!

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MY VISION WAS BATHED IN RED.
LIKE THE IONIAN SEA BATHED IN SUNSET.
FOR A SECOND...I SAW MY CHILDHOOD.
I SAW AN OYSTER... SLOWLY OPENING AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RED SEA.
DRIP
DRIP
P... LEASE... DON'T TAKE...MY SISTER.

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I'LL... GO IN HER PLACE.

AL...!

YOU CAN...

...KILL ME IF YOU HAVE TO.

POINT

!

!

THERE HE IS!

WHAT IS WITH THIS KID!?

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FLAP
!
LADY SANCIA!
LADY SANCIA?
ARE YOU HURT?
PASS
MAYBE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS GOOD AND EVIL IN THIS WORLD.
THE MOMENT PEOPLE ARE BORN, THEY'RE ALREADY TIED TO THIS CAGE. AND THAT'S THE FOUNDATION THAT RULES THEIR LIVES.
GABRIELLO WAS NOT A BAD MAN.
HE COULD HAVE USED US AS SHIELDS.

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MASTER ALFONSO'?

DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!

SLIDE

AH...I SMELL THE FRUITS OF THE SOUTHERN COUNTRIES.

I DON'T REALLY... REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED NEXT.

I AWOKE IN MY OWN BED.

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...LFO...
NSO...

ALFONSO.

ALL I REMEMBER IS...HER UNIQUE SMELL, AND...

...HER VOICE WHISPERING INTO MY EAR...

NO.

DON'T DIE.

IF YOU DIE...

...I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU.

THE HOT DROPLETS THAT FELL ONTO MY CHEEK...

WERE THEY FROM MY PRECIOUS SISTER?

OR WAS IT...A CHILDHOOD MEMORY...OF THE OCEAN WATER WARMED BY THE SUN...?

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THE PEARL WITHIN THAT OYSTER IN THE RED SEA... DISTORTED AND TOOK HER FORM.

IF I JUST STAY IN BED, MY BODY'LL GROW DULL.

YES.

THE FEVER'S BROKEN.

SHOULD YOU BE WALKING ABOUT SO SOON?

AH. WELL, WELL.

IF IT ISN'T MASTER ALFONSO.

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AAH, THAT REMINDS ME...

...THAT GABRIELLO ...

I HEARD HE DIED IN THE DUNGEONS OF NAPLES CASTLE.

WE ALREADY KNEW THAT.

AND THAT HIS CORPSE WAS A TERRIBLE MESS.

I SEE.

MY SISTER... HEARD THE NEWS WITH NO EXPRES-SION.

AS THOUGH SHE DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW HER TRUE FEELINGS.

AAH... NN!

STOP IT.

ONORATO, YOU'RE SO PERVERTED.

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AFTER THAT, SANCIA CANCELLED HER MARRIAGE TO ONORATO. SHE WAS WED TO THE YOUNGEST SON OF THE BORGIA FAMILY.

IT WAS THE SAME KIND OF POLITICAL MARRIAGE AS ISABELLA'S...

HEY.

ENRI-QUE?

YES?

I LOST AN EYE AND ALL I HAVE TO SHOW FOR IT, IS THIS DEFORMED BAROQUE PEARL.

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT'S NOT EVEN A LUCKY CHARM!

JUST KIDDING. IT'S A JOKE.

A ha ha.

SHUT

SO...

...WHEN I DIE, PLEASE PUT HER IN THE CASKET WITH ME.

THIS IS MY TRUE LOVE.

TO BE CONTINUED IN CANTARELLA VOL 10

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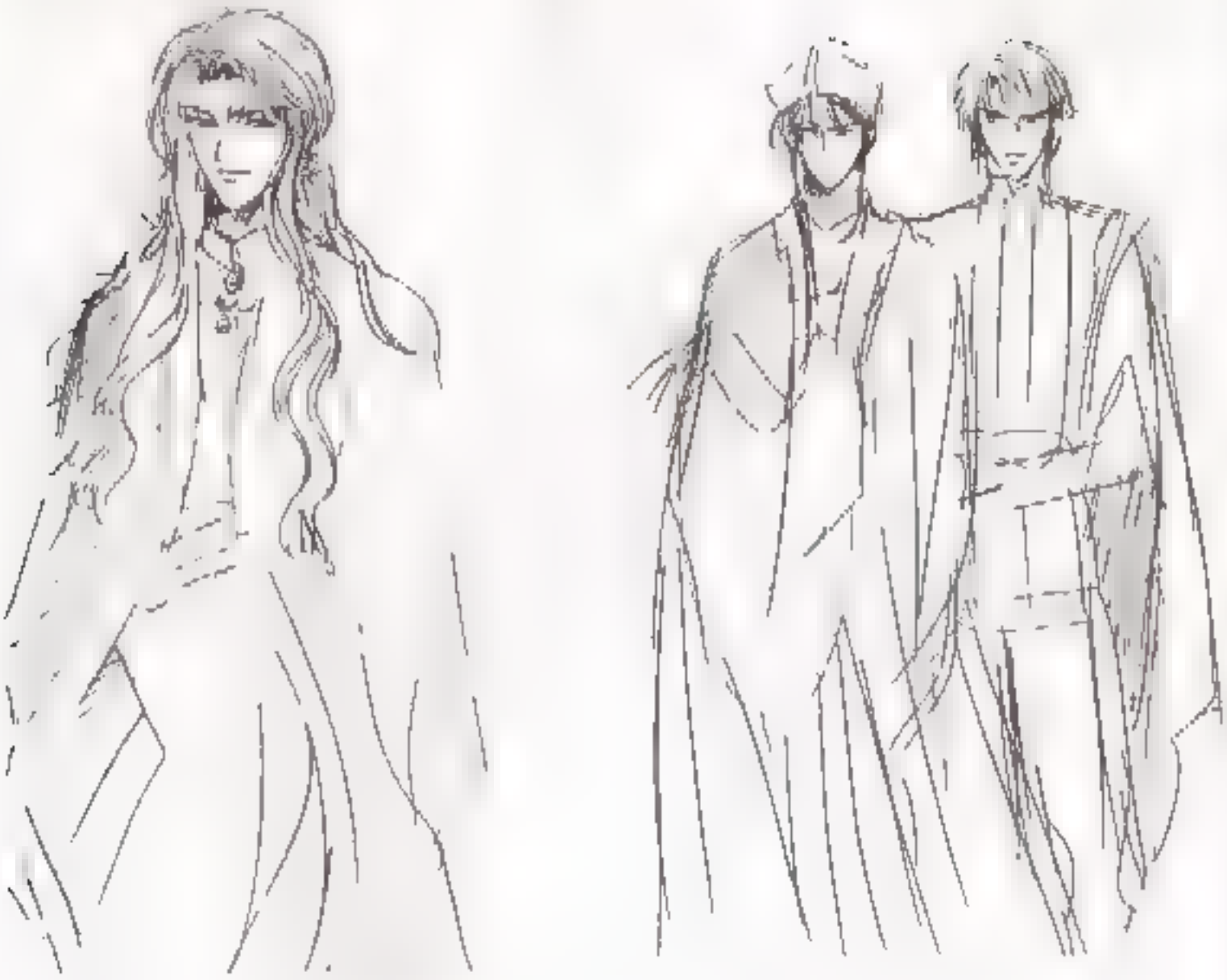

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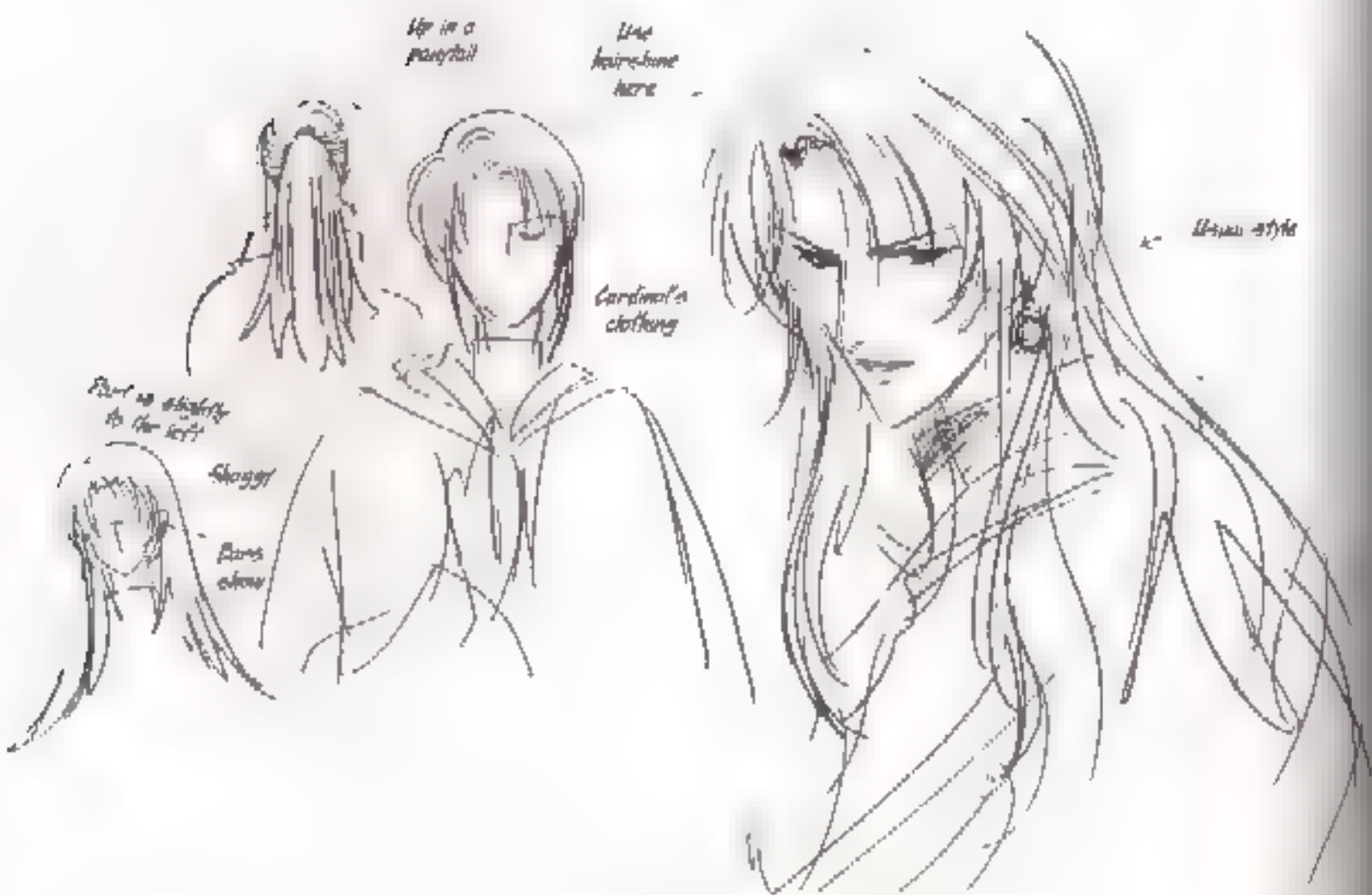

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—You Higuri Concept Sketches 2—

Cover of Volume 4

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Sancia

Alfonso

Keeps one eye hidden. Lost it while protecting his sister Sancia.

Kind to his underlings.

Supporting Characters

Images of Characters at the early stage.

Vanozza Catanei
Mother of the Borgia children

Cardinal Giulian della Rovere
(Napies Providence) Pope Alexander VI (Borgia)'s political opponent, but would become Pope Julius II

Adriana
(of the Orsinis)

Giulia Farnese
Pope Alexander VI's mistress

Rode in her son's wife

Sancia d'Aragon
(princess of Naples)

Savonarola

Gian Paolo Baglioni
Lord of Perugia

Giovani Sforza
First husband of Lucrezia
Cousin of Ludovico (Sforza) Il Moro)
Lord of Pesaro

Ascanio Sforza
Ludovico il Moro's brother and Cardinal of Milan

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Since I'm so out of shape, I bought one of those balls that you sit on while maintaining your balance that are all the buzz now. The minute I inflated it, my dogs got so scared they started yelping and barking, so I've abandoned all hope of actually using it. Yet another object occupies my house, now.

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